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The youngest plane crash survivor went back to China with her relatives yesterday morning, while her mother—one of the three adult survivors—is also expected to go back home as early as today, barely days after the worst commercial aviation incident in the CNMI since at least the early '90s.

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San Vicente Elementary School students and staff wear orange-colored shirts and dresses to signal their unity against bullying on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013. October is National Bullying Prevention Month and advocates raise awareness of the campaign by wearing orange-colored "Unite Against Bullying" T-shirts.

25-pct. cut in pension starts on Oct. 15

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Rangemore chooses Saipan for studio expansion plans

MIAMI BEACH, Florida— Rangemore Film Productions Corp. announced yesterday that it is on schedule with the execution of its studio expansion plan and is now entering the due diligence and acquisition phase.

On May 14, 2013, Rangemore announced that management had approved a plan to start the search for potential acquisitions to expand its studio operations. The expansion plan would identify suitable properties in four key markets: Asia, South Africa, Europe, and North America. Potential acquisition sites would have to meet certain criteria including a low cost per square foot; easy conversion into usable studio space; established local infrastructure; established local film industry; limited or non-existent competition; available government tax incentives and mortgage financeable. The identified acquisitions will be either purchased outright utilizing debt funding and tax credit incentive programs or leased on a long-term basis.

On June 18, 2013, Rangemore management announced that it had identified suitable properties in Yangon, Myanmar (Burma); Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and Santa Maria, Sal Island, Cape Verde.

After careful consideration, the Rangemore management has decided to focus on Saipan for the following reasons:

■ Asian film industry is growing at an exponential rate and is currently being underserviced.

■ Saipan is easily accessible from Japan and China to capitalize on this growth.

■ Saipan is a commonwealth of the United States, which adds a level of political stability.

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■ Good inventory of properties suitable for cost effective conversion into movie or television studio.

Rangemore CEO Andrew McLaughlin is on Saipan this month to meet with local government officials to establish a working relationship; view potential properties suitable for conversion into film and sound studios; complete due diligence on suitable properties; meet with property agents and owners to discuss leasing terms; and to look for other opportunities.

"As part of any asset acquisition or expansion you must do due diligence, go visit the sites, meet with the local government officials, establish working relationships, set up infrastructure and get your presence known. Andrew is over there doing all that right now," said Richard Smith, secretary and treasurer of Rangemore. "We have identified a number of exceptional opportunities [on] Saipan and we are now positioning ourselves to be able capitalize. We are very much looking forward to seeing the results of Andrew`s trip and moving forward to the operating phase of our expansion plan."

Rangemore Film Productions Corp. is a publicly traded company that is in the business of operating film studios and co-producing independent film productions. ***(PR Newswire)***

Customs gets some $18K worth of protective gear

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Customs Services Division inspectors and other personnel are now protected when they inspect cargo and luggage at ports of entry or respond to incidents, thanks to some $18,000 worth of newly-purchased personal protective equipment from the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Tactical vests, tactical shoes, duty pants, tactical belts, duty belts, and windbreaker jackets of 20 sets each are now ready for Customs personnel use.

"They are blood-borne pathogen resistant…They are not your typical gear," special assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Marvin Seman said in a briefing yesterday at the Customs seaport office.

Every time customs personnel open up and inspect cargo at the seaport, for example, they run the risk of being exposed to hazardous material and it would be best to have some form of personal protective gear, Seman said.

Customs director Joe Mafnas said these are equipment that Customs "really needs."

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, Mafnas, and Customs seaport branch manager Greg M. Sablan thanked Seman and the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the personal protective equipment.

"This will really help us complete our mission in protecting our community," Larson said. Customs is under the Department of Finance.

Sablan explained the uses of many of the donated protective gear, which were purchased from a local vendor. He said this is the first time that Customs received donations from the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, which receives grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Seman acknowledged that the donation is not enough, so they are planning on doing the donations in phases.

Special assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Marvin Seman, second from right, presents yesterday morning a sample tactical vest, which is among some $18,000 worth of newly-purchased personal protective equipment that the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management turned over to the Customs Services Division. From left, Customs seaport branch manager Greg M. Sablan, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, Seman and Customs director Joe Mafnas.
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

K9 at post office

Customs director Joe Mafnas announced yesterday that the U.S. Postal Service is taking into consideration the CNMI's request to allow Customs' K9 or drug-detector dogs to be used at the post office in Chalan Kanoa once again.

Mafnas said he has been communicating with Rafael Nunez, acting inspector in charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in San Francisco Division; the last one was yesterday morning.

Nunez has jurisdiction over the CNMI, Guam, and Hawaii, among other areas.

In an interview, Mafnas said Nunez is working on a memorandum of agreement and standard operating procedures that he hopes would allow K9 to sniff through mails and packages at post office in Chalan Kanoa to detect drugs and other illegal items.

Once the draft MOA and SOP are done, Larson would have a chance to review it and provide input.

Mafnas hopes the MOA and SOP would be done soon.

"I feel we're moving in the right direction," he added.

For several weeks now, Customs drug-detector dogs have not been allowed entry into the post office in Chalan Kanoa.

For years, Customs' drug-detector dogs have proven to be effective detection tools, including interception of Christmas cards laced with the drug "ice" years back.

Mafnas said the post office in Chalan Kanoa is a small facility that using a K9 to sniff through mails and packages would only take some 10 minutes, and won't disrupt operations.

Mafnas and Larson pointed out that Customs is still running K9 in the cargo, among other things.

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Inos directs agencies to cut utility use by 20 pct.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos directed departments and agencies yesterday to limit their power and water use to comply with their individual utility budget for fiscal year 2014, which is derived from their actual utility consumption in fiscal year 2012, at "less 20 percent."

"I highly encourage you to implement the necessary steps to achieve the 20 percent savings to avoid any disruption in operations," he said.

In a directive yesterday, the governor said payment of utilities consumed is borne by departments and agencies "effective immediately."

The governor listed 12 actions that agencies can implement to minimize utility use.

These include conducting an inventory of all meters used; obtaining a copy of their last utility billing (September 2013) with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.; and matching the number on the billing with their inventory.

The governor said agencies should assign one person from each of their divisions to serve as their "energy marshal" and identify the importance of his or her role in achieving 20 percent savings from the previous year's consumption.

"Have your energy marshal record your consumption twice daily, at 9am and 4pm," the governor said in his two-page directive.

He asked agencies to take responsible steps to conserve energy at their workplace on a daily basis as they would in their own home.

"Turn off unnecessary lights, appliances, backup batteries and printers when not in use," the governor said.

He reminded that the central government will no longer be responsible for payment of their utility bills.

Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, reminded his colleagues during yesterday afternoon's session to turn off appliances and lights when not in use, among other things, to help cut energy use.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) lauded the PUTC Committee chair's reminder.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SBDC's Tinian training cancelled

Due to unforeseen weather conditions and at the request of the Tinian Department of Commerce, the CNMI Small Business Development Center will be postponing its business training scheduled for Oct. 11, 2013, on Tinian at the Tinian Chamber of Commerce.

SBDC has scheduled another training on Tinian in November, called "Start an Added Value Product." It will be held on Nov. 18, 2013. Register online at http://pisbdcn.ecenterdirect.com/Conferences.action. ***(PR)***

Soroptimist Club NMI sets charter fete on Oct. 27

Soroptimist International of Northern Mariana Islands will hold its charter celebration on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, at the Kanoa Resort Saipan from 11am to 2pm. Tickets are being sold for $35 per person.

The group will charter with 18 members who represent professions that include banking, retail, airlines, government sector, etc. Jill Arenovski from Seafix, Inc. will be installed as the club's first president.

For more information about Soroptimist International Northern Mariana Islands, contact Arenovski at (670) 287-9395 or sinorthernmarianaislands@soroptimist.net. ***(PR)***

CHCC invites NMI community to open forums

The Commonwealth Health Care Corp. is inviting the public to a series of community meetings. These community meetings will kick off with the Rota forum at the Dialysis Room of the Rota Health Center on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013 from 7pm to 8:30pm. Next up is the Tinian forum at the Tinian Junior/Senior High School cafeteria on Oct. 21, 2013, from 6pm to 7pm. The Saipan forum will be held at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center on Oct. 24, 2013, from 5:30pm to 7pm.

For more information, on Saipan call Jesse Tudela at 234-8950 Ext. 3101; on Rota, call Rota Health Center resident director Sydie Taisacan at 532-9461; and on Tinian, call Tinian Health Center resident director William "Bill" Cing at 433-9263. ***(CHCC)***

KagES announcements

The Kagman Schools Joint 1st Quarter mid-progress night will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 4pm to 6pm at the Kagman Elementary School Campus. It will be half-day for all KagES students (Grades K-5th); they will be released at 12pm. You are highly encouraged to please come and meet your child's teacher(s).

Also, there will be no classes on Oct. 14 and 15 for students because of the following reasons:

- Oct. 14: Holiday, Commonwealth Cultural Day
- Oct. 15: Northeast Cluster Professional Development

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, contact 664-3913 or 237-3965 or email ruth.calvo@cnmipss.org. ***(PR)***

PENSION

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pension checks on Oct. 15. At least 12 of 16 individuals who opted out of the NMI Retirement Fund settlement class are not expected to get any pension check in the mail next week.

This is the happy and sad reality for different groups of people who have been a part of the CNMI's pension agency whose assets are being transferred to a settlement trust.

"The administration is saying there's no guaranteed pension for retirees who opted out but I have yet to test the system on Oct. 15, whether I'd get a pension check or not. I rely mainly on my pension, which is enough to put food on the table and buy medicine," retiree Jess Taisague, 56, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Taisague is one of the 13 retirees who joined three other active members in opting out of the settlement class.

"I worked in government for 23 years, hoping that I would get my retirement pension for as long as I can and get the constitutional protection we're entitled to. I think the government screwed up and somebody should be held accountable," he said.

Taisague said he will take the government to court if his "constitutionally guaranteed protection" is not enforced.

"I will take that route," he said.

Of the 16 who opted out, three are active members and 13 are retirees. Of the 13 retirees who opted out, one of them is Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), who chose to receive his salary as an elected official rather than draw his pension. So come Oct. 15, Tebuteb would at least still have his salary as a lawmaker.

"But I am continuing to contribute to the defined benefit plan that does not benefit me," Tebuteb said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that the 25-percent cut took effect on Oct. 1 and this will be reflected in the Oct. 15 pension check.

"The administration understands that this is a challenge for many, but at least they are assured of a steady flow of income by way of the settlement agreement. The administration will continue its efforts to work with the Legislature to identify resources that can eventually be used to restore or make whole the retirees' pensions," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Because some individuals chose not to be members of the settlement class, "they will need a separate legislative appropriation to fund their pension."

"Right now, there is none," he said.

There are pending bills that seek to fund the opt-out retirees' pension, but they are still under legislative committee reviews.

"It might be too late for the Oct. 15 release of checks even if these bills pass the House and Senate next week. But, like I said before, the government is still responsible for everyone, opt-outs or not," Tebuteb said.

The settlement agreement in the Betty Johnson case against the Fund and the CNMI government guarantees at least 75 percent of retirees' regular pension. The other 25 percent would be the obligation of the government.

The Inos administration and the Legislature have been working on legislation that would help generate new and additional revenues, so that it can restore the 25-percent pension cut and comply with the requirements of the settlement class.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos recently signed the revenue-generating video lottery bill and the Legislature is expected to pass an electronic gaming bill in the weeks ahead.

"The administration will keep pushing for revenue-generating bills. Until we realize actual revenues being generated, much work remains to be done," the press secretary said.

Resolution

Meanwhile, Fund members who chose to terminate their DB membership without losing their government employment will soon receive the remainder of their DB employee contributions, totaling some $42 million.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said this has the potential of boosting the CNMI economy.

This, after the House adopted yesterday a House joint resolution acknowledging and approving the settlement agreement in *Johnson vs. Inos* as required for the final disbursement of employee contributions under Sections 12.0 and 34.0 of the settlement agreement.

These disbursements of employee contributions are pursuant to Public Laws 17-82 and 18-2.

HJR 18-10, House Draft 1, Senate Substitute 1 passed the House at 3:01pm yesterday by a vote of 14-1 with three voting "present" and two absent.

Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) was the only one who voted "no" to the resolution—like the first time—claiming that the settlement agreement is unconstitutional.

"Two wrongs don't make a right. I say it again, the settlement agreement violates the NMI Constitution," Maratita said.

The three who voted "present" were Tebuteb, Rep. Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan), and Rep. Lorenzo Leon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

The speaker, in an interview, said the House leadership, during its meeting on Tuesday, agreed to support the Senate-substitute version of House Joint Resolution 18-10 since the Senate version "does not change the intent of the resolution" as a whole.

The House leadership met with assistant attorneys general Teresita Sablan and Reena Patel on Tuesday on the matter.

The adoption of this resolution is the last hurdle before members get the remainder of their DB employee contributions.

Demapan said the checks will be disbursed soon.

"A soon as the Fund finishes calculating contributions made in fiscal years 2012 and 2013, they should be ready to roll out disbursements," he said.

During the preliminary approval of the settlement deal, some $10 million was disbursed. The remainder, or $42 million, of DB contributions from the Fund will be released after final approval of the settlement agreement and then after legislative approval.

CHILD

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"I feel sad for the family. The child lost her father, and her mother got injured too. The woman lost her husband. I keep praying for everyone," Chinese Association of the CNMI director and former president Rose Chen told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Chen visits and reaches out to the Star Marianas plane crash survivors every day at the Commonwealth Health Center.

"I try to help them any way I can, show them there's support from the community here," Chen added.

Esther Muña, interim chief executive officer of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., separately confirmed last night that the child survivor left the CNMI and the mother is in stable condition.

That was three days after the child was discharged from the hospital.

One of the adult survivors is scheduled for orthopedic surgery today, while the other adult is also in stable condition.

The four survivors are all Chinese tourists.

Three others died in the early Sunday morning plane crash on Tinian. One is the Mexican-born pilot and the other two are Chinese tourists—a 26-year-old woman and a 29-year-old man.

The Chinese government sent its consular officers from California to the CNMI upon learning of the crash.

Yu Xiong, consul from the Chinese Consulate General in Los Angeles, and vice consul Hongming Wang arrived in the CNMI on Tuesday.

Yu expressed appreciation to local and federal emergency response personnel, medical personnel, other agencies, private citizens, and groups that helped in any way in the rescue and recovery of the victims.

Meanwhile, CNMI special assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Marvin Seman told reporters yesterday that the plane crash site on Tinian had been "turned over to Star Marianas early evening on Wednesday."

"The federal agencies are done with the site investigation," Seman said, referring to the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation and Safety Board.

This is the second Star Marianas plane crash in 11 months. The first one was on Nov. 19, 2012, that claimed the life of a female Chinese national.

Sunday's Star Marianas plane crash was also the third and worst mishap three days in a row; the first was on Friday afternoon when a smaller plane made an emergency landing on Broadway Avenue past the Tinian airport, followed by another one on Saturday when a plane fell into a concrete-lined drainage.

DPS' role

The Department of Public Safety's role in the aftermath of the crash was mainly to help in the rescue and recovery of the victims, according to DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero yesterday.

He said that DPS personnel worked from the very beginning in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard to locate the plane.

The other part of their role, he said, was to assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its investigation. As soon as FBI agents arrived at the crash site on Tinian, the FBI assumed jurisdiction over the case, he added.

"We assisted them whenever, whatever we can. We always have a good relationship with the FBI," he said.

Whatever the result of the investigation becomes federal jurisdiction, he said.

Since there is no local presence of the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board in the CNMI, he said the FBI filled in the role of investigators until the FAA investigator arrived.

Deleon Guerrero said that DPS still gives assistance even after federal investigators assume jurisdiction. "We assist them in guarding the crash scene, making sure nobody goes in tampering evidence, things like that," he said.

He recalled that when the crash happened, the Commonwealth Ports Authority notified the Emergency Operations Center, which then called DPS to assist.

Deleon Guerrero said the preliminary information they received suggested that the plane was possibly in the water.

He said the Saipan DPS Boating Safety Section rescue boat was activated and responded to assist the Tinian Boating Safety.

The ill-fated Star Marianas Piper Cherokee Six aircraft was flying to Saipan when it crashed early Sunday morning in a jungle on Tinian.

US govt seeks to seize property of Villagomez, Santoses

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The federal court has notified former lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez, former Commerce secretary James A. Santos, and Joaquina V. Santos that their property is being taken by the U.S. government to satisfy the judgment against them totaling $1.09 million.

In separate notices of post-judgment execution on Wednesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy said there have been credits to the judgment debt totaling $7,077.21 each for Villagomez, James Santos, and Joaquina Santos.

This leaves a balance of $339,447.29 for Villagomez; $371,471.03 for James Santos; and $371,471.03 for Joaquina Santos, Kennedy said.

The court issued the notices after the U.S. government recently filed a writ of execution to seize part of the NMI Retirement Fund's proceeds that Villagomez and the Santo couple are entitled to.

Assistant U.S. attorney Jessica F. Cruz said these Fund's proceeds may be taken to satisfy the judgment for the conviction of Villagomez and the Santos couple.

Kennedy informed Villagomez and the Santos couple that there are exemptions under the law that may protect some of their property from being taken by the U.S. government—if they can show that the exemptions apply.

Kennedy attached in the notice a summary of the major exemptions that apply in most situations in the CNMI.

The judge said the three have the right to ask the court to return their property to them if they think they do not owe the U.S. government the money it claims they do or if they think the property the government is taking qualifies under one of the exemptions.

Kennedy said that Villagomez and the Santos couple must notify the court within 20 days after receiving the notice if they want a hearing on the matter.

If they do not request a hearing within 20 days of receiving the notice, Kennedy said the property may be sold at public auction and the proceeds of the sale will be applied to the debt they owe the U.S. government.

The defendants were convicted for their role in a conspiracy to defraud the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. through needless purchases of a de-scaling chemical called Rydlyme.

A few months ago, the federal court resentenced Villagomez to nine years in prison. In August 2009, the court sentenced the Santos couple to six years and six months in prison each.

All set for MARPAC baby fair tomorrow

The 2013 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair, and Daddies too!" event will be held tomorrow, Oct. 12, at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Entrance is free and the event starts at 10am and continues until 4pm. There will fun and exciting games throughout the day, including Diaper Derby, Quick Crawl, and Baby Bottle Drinker.

The highlight is the Baby Pageant, which is open to all babies who still use diapers daily. Under the competition rules, costumes must be made out of Huggies diapers; using a diaper brand other than Huggies is cause for automatic disqualification.

The grand prize winner of Huggies' current promotion will also be drawn tomorrow. Raffle prizes at stake are one-year supply of Enfamil and/or a one-year supply of Huggies Diapers and Wipes. The former prize will only have one winner, while the latter will have two.

MARPAC will also feature some its other products during the fair. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Castro acquitted of burglary, theft charges

A Superior Court jury has found Benter Juella Castro, 38, not guilty of participating in a burglary at an apartment building on Navy Hill owned by the late senator Luis Crisostimo.

After deliberating for an hour Wednesday afternoon, the six jurors reached a unanimous verdict finding Castro not guilty of burglary and theft.

Attorney Bruce Berline, who served as court-appointed counsel for Castro, called only one witness during the trial.

Assistant attorneys general Margo Brown and Chemere McField called eight witnesses.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman presided over the trial that began on Monday.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, Castro conspired with Momilani Phillip and Vincent SN. Norita to burglarize and steal a laptop and other items at one of the units of Crisostimo's apartment on Sept. 30, 2012.

Phillip and Norita signed a plea deal with the government and pleaded guilty. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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NMI to gain $45M in Russian ad exposure

The Marianas Visitors Authority reports that the Northern Mariana Islands are set to gain $45 million in advertising exposure over the next year from the recent visit of Russian TV channel "My Planet."

"My Planet" is the first 24-hour TV channel devoted to tourism and travel and has more than 15 million viewers. It will premiere two, 26-minute documentaries about the Northern Marianas, with a minimum of 15 rebroadcasts over a three-week period and continuing broadcast for a whole year. The documentary will also be featured on "Russia 24," a 24-hour Russian information channel covering current world events and reaching 80 million TV viewers. The national TV channel "Russia 2" will feature the documentaries on weekdays, reaching 100 million viewers in 80 regions of the Russian Federation. Finally, 2-3 minute episodes will be featured on the State Federal TV Company "Russia 1" with more than 250-million viewers.

"Thanks to the Marianas Visitors Authority's strategic partnerships with Russian travel industry partners, we continue to see a steady increase in the number of arrivals from Russia," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "As Russians generally stay longer and spend more than visitors from other markets, this tremendous advertising exposure is very exciting for Northern Marianas tourism."

The group took tours of the three islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The media FAM(iliarization) group paid particular attention to island delicacies, including locally grown produce, "donne sali" hot pepper, fruit salad, shrimp "kelaguen" and "apigigi." The group also went spearfishing, trolling, bottom fishing, shrimp fishing, and on a jungle tour. They also visited Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Mariana Resort & Spa, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, 360 Revolving Restaurant, Shenanigan's, and SandCastle Saipan.

As of August 2013, the islands had received 10,476 visitors from Russian for the fiscal year, a 94 percent increase over the same period the previous fiscal year. ***(MVA)***

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Media representatives of "My Planet," Russia's first 24-hour TV channel devoted to tourism and travel, filmed in the Northern Mariana Islands in September 2013 for two documentaries that are expected to bring the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota $45 million in advertising exposure over the next year.

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King accuses Neal, another prosecutor of misconduct

»Defense lawyer says prosecutors hid evidence

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Attorney Janet H. King, counsel for a suspended police sergeant facing domestic violence charges, has accused chief prosecutor Shelli Neal and another government lawyer of deliberately withholding evidence that proves that the charges against her client are baseless.

King asked the Superior Court to dismiss the charges against Sgt. Elden Dela Cruz on the grounds that Neal and assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty allegedly committed an egregious prosecutorial misconduct.

"The prosecutors hid material exculpatory evidence until the very last minute, and continue to do so," she said in her motion to dismiss the charges against Dela Cruz.

The information that King was referring to was about communication with Sgt. Dela Cruz's wife, Rose Dela Cruz, and their daughter, two key witnesses in the case.

Also allegedly withheld were pages of notes of calls and meetings with the victim herself and an interview on June 27, 2013, by Neal of the daughter.

Saipan Tribune requested comments from Neal and Flaherty but there was no reply as of press time yesterday.

Dela Cruz is facing charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace for allegedly beating up his wife on June 7, 2013.

In Dela Cruz's new motion to dismiss, King said that both the wife and the daughter gave information to the prosecutors that proves the wife's complaints against Dela Cruz's "are untrue, and the charges are without basis."

However, instead of dismissing the charges against her client, King said the prosecutors "knowingly concealed" information about the wife's communications with the Office of the Attorney General and the daughter's June 27 interview.

The two prosecutors' misconduct, King said, deprives Dela Cruz's of his constitutional rights to due process and a fair trial.

"Collectively, they establish a pattern and practice of egregious misconduct—and a resulting injustice of constitutional magnitude—for which the only remedy is dismissal of the information in its entirety," she said.

King pointed out that since June 7, 2013, Dela Cruz's wife had been constantly communicating with the OAG and the Department of Public Safety.

First, King said, the wife continued communicating with the OAG even after she submitted her handwritten statement, and up to just a few weeks ago.

To support the first motion, King filed in court the wife's confession that she lied to police when she accused her husband, Dela Cruz, then officer-in-charge of DPS Internal Affairs Office, of beating her up.

Second, King said, she did a phone interview of the daughter, who is now in Texas, on Oct. 4, 2013, in which the daughter stated that she never saw her father strike or push her mother on the night of June 7, 2013.

King said the daughter told her that she disclosed those information during her interview at the OAG's office with a prosecutor, a police officer, and a woman who works at the OAG on June 27, 2013.

King said it was not until Oct. 8, 2013, that the government gave Dela Cruz only the investigative report prepared by police detective Melissa Bauleong.

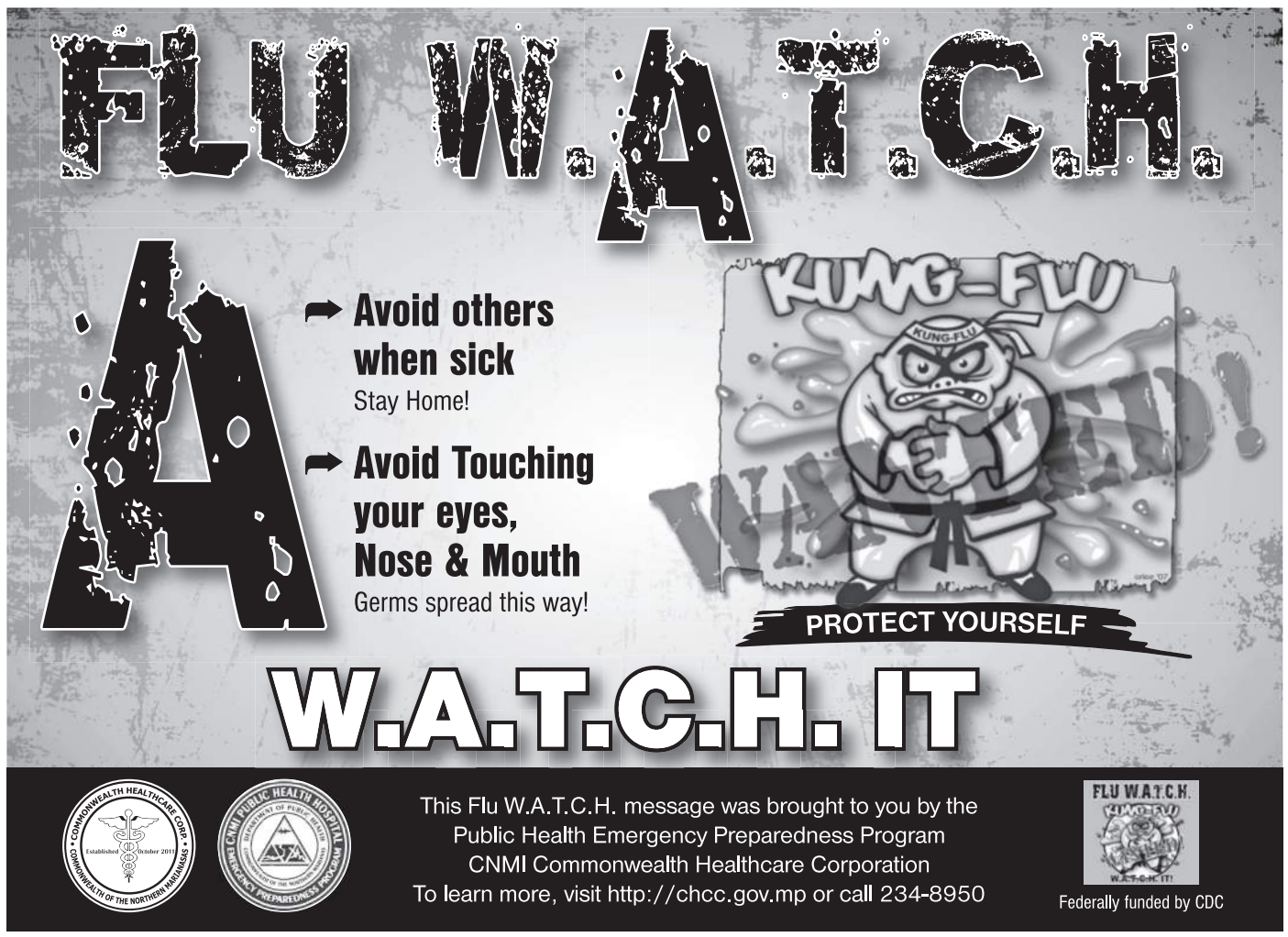
"This exculpatory evidence confirms that the defendant is correct, that the prosecutors knew all along that [the wife] lied, well before the defendant filed his motion to dismiss and, of course, well before the upcoming pretrial hearing and the trial scheduled," she said.

King said this newly-produced and discovered exculpatory evidence provides crucial evidence that Dela Cruz did not commit any of the acts he is being accused of.

King said the prosecutors continue to prosecute a case even in the face of witnesses that showed there was no crime committed.

"They concealed the truth, foreclosed access to a key witness, and blatantly misrepresented the facts to this court," she said.

King said that Dela Cruz is entitled to "an end to the embarrassment, ordeal, and continuing anxiety that he has been forced to endure from the time he was charged and arrested for a crime he never committed, but was forced upon him by a vengeful, zealous, jealous wife."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/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

High surf and strong winds seen today to Saturday

A developing tropical disturbance west of the Marianas will produce windy conditions across the region in the next couple of days, according to a wind advisory by the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management yesterday.

The wind advisory is in effect from 6am Friday to 6am Saturday.

A high surf advisory is also in effect from 6am Friday to 6am Monday along west and south facing reefs, while a small craft advisory is in effect until 6pm Sunday.

The advisory states that rising winds and seas associated with the developing tropical disturbance west of the Marianas will produce conditions hazardous to operators of small craft and also produce hazardous surf along west and south facing reefs in the next few days.

According to a separate wind advisory from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, winds will increase from the south to 20 to 30 miles per hour with gusts of up to 35 mph Friday through Saturday.

A wind advisory means that winds of 30 mph or more are expected. Winds this strong can make driving difficult, especially for high profile vehicles.

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management is urging the public to be extra cautious when driving. Tarps, trash cans, and other light outdoor items should be secured.

The high surf advisory states that surf will become hazardous at 7 to 9 feet along west and south facing reefs on Friday morning and rise to 8 to 10 feet on Saturday. Surf will remain hazardous on Sunday.

A small craft advisory means that seas 10 feet or greater and sustained winds of 29 to 35 mph are expected to produce conditions hazardous to small craft.

South winds of 17 to 23 mph are projected to rise to 29 to 35 mph on Friday through Saturday.

Seas will build to around 10 to 12 feet Friday through Saturday.

The public is advised to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along west and south facing reefs as rip currents will be life threatening. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions. if travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution, especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets. ***(PR)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 11, 2005

Ferry runs aground, 13 hurt

A Tinian Express ferry ran aground on the cliffline of the Tinian Dump Coke area on the western side of the island early yesterday morning, slightly injuring all 12 passengers and the boat's co-captain. Police said the passengers sustained minor injuries that were immediately treated. The co-captain, however, had to be brought to Saipan's Commonwealth Health Center for further treatment, acting police spokesman Eric David said. David did not disclose the identities of the passengers and the co-captain, as well as the extent of the injuries, but acting Tinian police chief Sylvestre Palacios said the passengers were mostly Chinese tourists.

OPA looks into Tinian expenses for WWII events

Expenditures incurred by the Tinian government for the 60th commemoration of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic missions are currently under scrutiny by the Office of the Public Auditor. Prompted by requests from several anonymous hotline callers, OPA has started looking into allegations that over $300,000 in public funds had been spent for the eight-day commemoration in August 2005. Most of the funds came from the Tinian Mayor's Office and Tinian Municipal Treasury, according to public auditor Michael Sablan.

October 11, 2006

'Govt serious in getting outside loan'

Finance Secretary Eloy Inos said the government is serious in pursuing outside loans to finance major infrastructure projects in the CNMI. "Of course, we're serious. We need to be proactive. It's not just going to come down from heaven. We're going out. And if we can't find it, we'll continue to look for it," said Inos in an interview Thursday. "It's not for operations, though. Obviously, we can't use loans for government operations but we can for infrastructure projects," said the secretary. The CNMI Constitution prohibits the government from incurring public debts to finance government operations.

More workers exempted from austerity holidays

More government employees have been exempted from the austerity holidays, which have been observed for three Fridays now. Acting Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez has issued a supplemental list to exempt 21 employees from the 10-percent salary cut. The list includes 11 medical workers at the Commonwealth Health Center, nine from the Tinian Health Center, and Blas T. Mafnas, acting director of the Solid Waste Management Division. Villagomez also amended previous exemptions granted to the Departments of Public Safety, and Lands and Natural Resources. Sworn officers that are scheduled to work on austerity Friday may now report for duty. But captains and higher ranking officers are not exempt.

October 11, 2007

Guam holds hearing on NMI federalization bills

Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez testified against federalization in a public hearing at the Guam Legislature yesterday. The Guam lawmakers held the 1pm hearing to receive comments on a resolution that opposes federal bills placing CNMI immigration under U.S. control. Villagomez, who went to Guam on Monday for a two-day business conference, stayed on to attend the public hearing. In his testimony, Villagomez reiterated the Fitial administration's opposition to the enactment of S. 1634 and H.R. 3079. He asked the Guam Legislature to help defeat the bills.

Public warned of pink eye outbreak

The public is being warned of an outbreak of "pink eye" on the island, an eye infection that could lead to vision loss. Marianas Eye Institute director David Khorram, M.D., confirmed with the Saipan Tribune that the Institute has been getting at least 12 patients a day for pink eye treatment and consultations this week. Most patients complain of pain and itchiness in their eyes. Khorram said the current outbreak is one of the more severe forms of pink eye infection, falling into a class known as "hemorrhagic epidemic keratoconjunctivitis"-with blood in the eyes.

OWWA runs out of receipts

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MARK RABAGO
Philippine Consulate General in Guam Consul Maria Paz Cortes, seventh from left, poses with her mobile outreach services team and volunteers from the United Filipino Organization outside the Daidai Social Hall in Chalan Kanoa yesterday.

Filipino contract workers came in droves to renew their membership in the country's Overseas Workers Welfare Administration at the Daidai Social Hall where the Philippine Consulate General in Guam has been conducting a mobile consular outreach the past four days.

However, the OWWA membership application drive was cut short to three days following a request by Filipino workers on Tinian for OWWA representative Julia Fabian to also visit them there.

Fabian also had no choice but to prematurely halt OWWA processing on Saipan because she already exhausted the receipts for the service.

Consul Maria Paz Cortes said her records show that 1,609 Filipinos applied for OWWA membership. OWWA allocated only 2,000 receipts for both Saipan and Rota. That's not counting the impromptu OWWA outreach on Tinian.

OWWA is a Philippine government agency that handles the welfare and wellbeing of Filipino workers abroad. OWWA members are entitled to benefits for medical/healthcare, disability and death insurance, education and training, worker assistance and on-site services, and social and family welfare assistance.

Cortes said this outreach on Saipan proved that there's an overwhelming demand for OWWA services on the island.

She said she will ask the OWWA main office in Manila to once again have Fabian join their team when they hold a fourth outreach at the end of the year.

The four-day outreach also accepted 360 passports applications, released 252 passports (with 30 left unclaimed), and processed 97 requests for notarial services.

Cortes said she observed that by-appointment and pre-processing seemed to have alleviated most of the overcrowding problems encountered by the consulate during the first two outreaches.

Cortes will also request the inclusion of Overseas Employment Certificate services in their next outreach.

Cortez's team for the Oct. 7-10 outreach is made up of passport officer Francisco Magno, assistant passport officer Emmanuel Garcia, notarial services' Ivy Tengco and Margie Morales, and cashier Fides Sang-Ollay. They leave for Rota today.

The United Filipino Organization helped out during the outreach while the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa and its apostolic administrator, Fr. Ryan Jimenez, let them use the Daidai Social Hall. ***(Mark Rabago)***

MEETING NOTICE

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** at the MVA Conference Room San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

1) **Preliminary Matters**
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Adoption of Agenda
   4. Adoption of Minutes – August 28, 2013
2) **Public Comments**
3) **Committee Reports**
   1. Finance
   2. Personnel
4) **New Business**
   1. Election of Officers
   2. FY 2014 Expenditure Plan
5) **Old Business**
6) **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
7) **Executive Session**
8) **Adjournment**

/s/ James Nelson
Acting Chairman, MVA Board of Directors

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What makes a Nobel laureate?

By DAVID PRATT
LOS ANGELES TIMES

This year's Nobel Prizes are being unveiled this week. Are there any predictors that point to who will be selected? Here's George Beadle's (medicine, 1958) response: "Study diligently. Respect DNA. Don't smoke. Don't drink. Avoid women and politics. That's my formula."

Is precocity in childhood a predictor? When 2001 economics laureate George Akerlof was in second grade, he was asked what he wanted for Christmas, and he said, "A steel mill." Asked the same question by his scientist father, Roger Kornberg (chemistry, 2006) said, "A week in the lab."

But early privilege is not essential. Mario Capecchi (medicine, 2007) was an abandoned child on the streets of wartime Italy. Albert Camus (literature, 1957) grew up fatherless, in poverty in Algiers.

In addition to childhood hardship, many Nobel laureates, men and women, at some point in their lives suffered imprisonment. Nelson Mandela (peace, 1993) set a record with his 27 years in prison in South Africa. Autobiographies show that prison strengthened the convictions of future laureates and toughened their resolution.

Childhood deprivation and adult imprisonment are, however, atypical. The typical Nobel laureate in science is a male, born in a Western country into a middle-class family. His father is a professional, manager or professor. His family is Protestant, agnostic or Jewish. His parents seek out good K-12 schools for him, and he proceeds to a good university. He receives his doctoral degree before he is 25 and undertakes post-doctoral work under a Nobel-level supervisor. He does his groundbreaking research in his late 30s or early 40s, for which he is awarded the Nobel Prize 15 years later.

Rosalind Yalow (medicine, 1977) told women, "You can have it all!" But only 43 of 862 laureates have been women. The prizes got their start in 1901, before women won universal suffrage in most nations, let alone an equal share of education.

In their autobiographies, many Nobel laureates pay tribute to an outstanding mentor. Five of Enrico Fermi's (physics, 1938) post-docs went on to win the Nobel Prize, and 12 of Ernest Rutherford's (chemistry, 1908). Otto Warburg (medicine, 1931) advised an American doctoral student, "If you wish to become a scientist, you must ask a successful scientist to accept you in his laboratory, even if at the beginning you would only clean his test tubes."

Is eccentricity a concomitant of Nobel-level genius? In fact, laureates are mostly down-to-earth and unpretentious. In the United States, 44 percent of marriages end in divorce. Among Nobel laureates in the 20th century, the rate was 11 percent. Much time and energy are saved by a stable family life. Naturally there are exceptions. Erwin Schrödinger (physics, 1933) lived for some years in a middle-class Dublin suburb with his wife and his mistress, while simultaneously carrying on affairs with his students and fathering children with two other Irish women.

There remains one quality that is essential. It is what Leon Lederman (physics, 1988) called "compulsive dedi-

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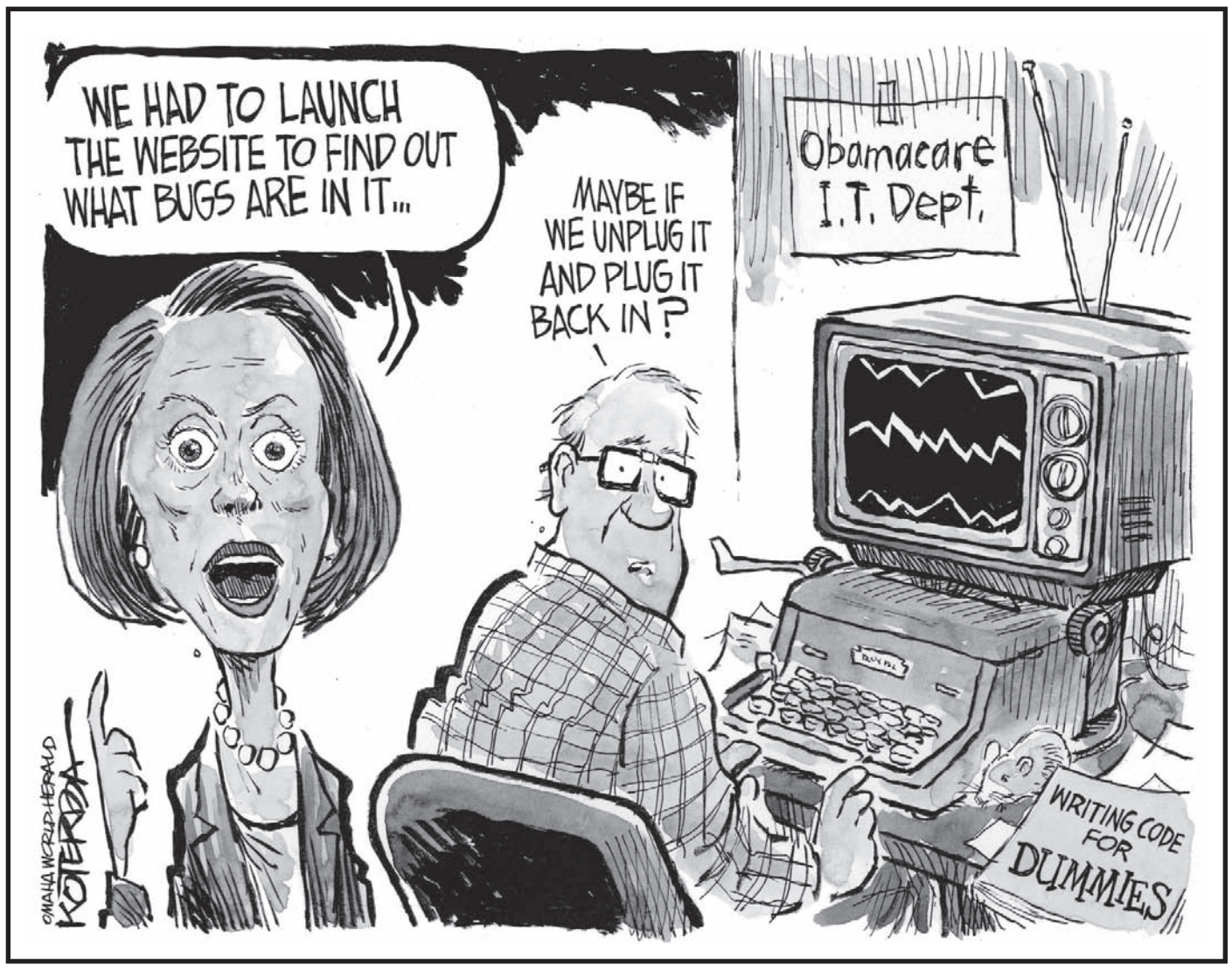
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By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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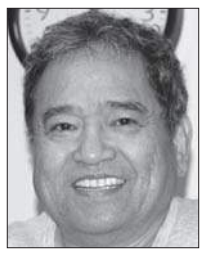

One of the things that were reported during the mid-autumn festival at the Kanoa Resort on Saipan third week September was the number of people that showed up for the annual observance of devouring mooncakes and other Asian delicacies. The expected 100 revelers ballooned into a line of a thousand. The event is second only to the lunar New Year as a revered filial celebration in East Asia.

The Chinese presence physically and culturally in the Pacific has blossomed in the last quarter of a century. I remember in the early '80s, while transiting in Nauru from the Marshalls to Samoa and Tonga that many Nauruans hightailed it to Los Angeles, Sydney, and Honolulu, leaving the island's commercial trade to the Chinese and the clerical, service, and management functions to Filipinos. The remaining native locals who worked in government revved up their fat motorbikes topside by the mines, racing against each other with the winner taking ownership of the losing bikes.

Chinese travelers hungry for new identity that might allow them to move away from the overcrowded land between the two mighty rivers of the Huanghe and Yangtze, (1 out of every 5 earthling is a Chinese eager to escape overcrowding) reportedly bought migrant documents in Samoa, the Marshall Islands, and Nauru, with the latter's offshore banks notorious for money laundering that emptied Russia's coffers of billions of rubles. (Palau is cleaning up the offshore act as it develops itself into a financial center that the CNMI also once tried!)

Today, Chinese tourists have reportedly superseded the Japanese and the Koreans in arrivals to the Pacific paradise of Hawaii.

The Friday colleague of this page often refers to his forays into the world of *Putunghua* (China's common and official language based on the Beijing dialect). Those of us who teach Spoken English to the *Zhongguoren* highlight the difference between the Zhongwen, visually dependent on reading characters to determine meaning compared to the phonetic nature of the English tongue that relies not only on audio-resonance and intonation of words, but also on the body language of the language speaker.

I recall watching former China President Hu Jintao deliver his annual speech to the Presidium just blithely reading a printed document while his audience sat quietly following the characters printed on the paper in front of them. Though former Premier Wen Jiabao was most lively in his off-the-cuff comments, he pretty much followed the standard pattern of reading from text in official pronouncements.

The current President Xi Jinping reportedly counseled his peers to deliver public speeches from the heart rather than from a document. Le Keqiang, the current premier and former deputy to Wen Jiabao, goes a step further. He is known to extemporize in his fluent English among foreign journalists, much to the chagrin of nationalists who think that public officials should stick to the national language and leave the translators to do their jobs!

Our point in this "rainbow connection" musing is that Zhongguo (China) is really a mosaic of diverse ethnic groups, and though 90 percent of its population is considered Han, that grouping comprises many sub-groups, where the Han of Guangdong is not quite the same as the Han in Shanxi. Most of the world's Chinatown denizens are the nomadic Han Hakka, which counts among its numbers the founding father Sun Yat Sen and Singapore's Lee Kwan Yew. The 55 minority groups that were lassoed into Chairman Mao's 1949 China, aside from the Han, are colorful identities clearly highlighted in national holidays and celebrations, often given an autonomous region to promote their uniqueness. This fact is decried by Western detractors who remind those willing to listen that the Zangs of Tibet, Uighurs and Kazakhs of Xinjiang, the Mongols of Nei Menggu, Manchus and the Qings of Dong Bei are not Chinese!

Ethnicity remains a challenge, even in Hawaii where the languages I heard while waiting for a bus in Honolulu's Chinatown were mostly Vietnamese, Laotian, Thai, and Khmer. The old Zhongguo residents have dispersed into the suburban centers and assimilated into the economic middle class.

We watch and wince as some in the CNMI (equally true in many parts of the world) exhibit paroxysms of indigenous exclusivity and racial prejudice, fearful that the influx of locally born "aliens" and "half-breeds" will add ten thousand new voters to the election roster that will dilute today's indigene preeminence. Duh.

The new planetary consciousness knows itself to be 97 percent of similar DNA to the rest of the planets' population. Ethnicity is not the futuric challenge; exclusivity vs. inclusiveness is. Those around the world who are fearful that their exclusive prerogatives will be taken away from them are on the defensive as a new openness blooms and the practices of inclusive collaboration, cooperation, compassion, and care take root in the standard operating system of the human psyche.

We are partial to the inclusive type. With the survival of the human race at stake, we will prevail.

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Cosmic betel nut juice

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I'm serving up an early bird special a few weeks before it's fully ripe, but it lets me pretend I'm ahead of the game for once. Besides, it's hard to ignore a cosmic sign that Saipan can surely recognize: It's a star with "betel" in its name, and, what's more, it's a red star reminiscent of the color of betel nut spittle.

And thus we meet one of the most interesting objects in the sky: Betelgeuse.

Like many names in astronomy, this one is derived, accurately or otherwise, from ancient words in foreign tongues. Everybody I know pronounces it "betel juice," which, you have to admit, is a cool name and one that nobody on Saipan is likely to forget.

However, I once had an astronomy teacher who pronounced it a different way. Don't ask me what to do about that. Me, I don't talk proper. I just talk normal. Ain't nothing going to change that.

One thing that does change, however, are estimates of the distance to Betelgeuse. I've read estimates of 427 light-years and of 642 light-years. So we're talking about a difference of around 1,300 trillion miles. This is why you should always carry extra gas money when you're driving between stars.

Betelgeuse is considered a wintertime star, since in December and thereabouts it's high overhead after sunset. By contrast, right now being early October, it takes a little more than four hours after sunset for Betelgeuse to finally hoist itself over the eastern horizon.

So why do I jump the gun on this? Because I'm always anxious to catch my first yearly glimpse of Betelgeuse. When I was a kid it heralded the arrival of cooler temperatures and, better yet, the fact that Halloween was on the way. It's my way of getting in the holiday mode. The earlier I do this, the more fun I can milk out of the remainder of the year, and the sooner I can pester my wife to let me stock up on Halloween candy (which has a mysterious way of disappearing).

That's ample enough reason to feel a kinship with Betelgeuse. But if you want more reasons, I'll list a few:

1). It's easy to find.

Betelgeuse is bright, conspicuously red (or at least orange), and part of the well-known and easily-recognized Orion constellation. The Web is so abundant with this information that you can look it up a lot faster than I can even write about it. I'm just tickling your interest today, but when we're closer to winter I'll mention how to find it.

2). Of all the easy-to-find objects, it's probably the largest.

You think the sun is big? Well, yeah, it is by our standards. It's a bit over 100 times the diameter of Earth.

Well, along comes Betelgeuse, which is about 1,000 times the diameter of the sun. That's just a rough number based on commonly mentioned ranges, so the size, like the distance, is a bit murky. But, still: Big is big.

Betelgeuse does have a conspicuous rival for size. A star called Antares is, like Betelgeuse, a red supergiant, and it's also visible from Saipan now. I've seen presentations that give Antares the size advantage over Betelgeuse, and I might have listed things that way myself in times past. But the current state of knowledge seems to give Betelgeuse the edge.

3). It's a one-hit-wonder, a stellar rock star living fast and dying young.

For the sake of perspective, our sun has been around a long time, about 4.6 billion years. And it's going to be around for a few more billion.

Betelgeuse, by contrast, is less than 10 million years old. There were dinosaurs roaming around on earth before Betelgeuse was born. And there will be life on Earth after Betelgeuse bites the dust, too. Betelgeuse is expected to do a big, cosmic kaboom within the next million years or so. It will surely be a heck of a sight here on Earth for whatever creatures are around to witness it.

The reason for this short but spectacular life is raw size. A massive star like Betelgeuse burns its fuel very quickly. And since a star's fuel is itself, it consumes itself. There is a karmic lesson in here somewhere.

4). It has a lot of interesting friends.

Betelgeuse is surrounded by some of astronomy's most famous sights, so it's a guidepost to cosmic Disneyland. Many of these sights, like Betelgeuse itself, are easily viewed with just the bare eyeball, so you can just saunter into the dark with a beer and a cigarette and enjoy the view. Further details can wait for later in the year, though.

In the meantime I'll be stocking up on Halloween candy.

Changing honed colonial mindset

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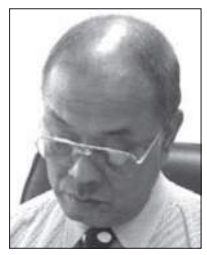

As secretary of DPL, I took a trip to Pagan to satisfy my curiosity about pozzolan and basalt minerals. From Anatahan, Sariguan, Alamagan, Pagan, Agrihan and return, there's a recurring theme that kept snaking in and out of my mind: volcanic eruptions, implications.

The ashes that spew out of volcanic eruptions spread into the land and sea below. It creates more land permitting, i.e., the island of Pagan to grow bigger or larger. The land expansion knocks out the conventional idea that we come from the tiny pearly archipelago of the NMI.

The land grows and grows on every eruption, including underwater eruptions that push land upwards. The new islands would eventually settle above water and level off with existing islands.

The physical growth of the archipelago opens up the idea that we can't simply internalize and continue accepting the colonial definition of our smallness and relegation to permanent dependency. Food stamps, Medicaid, and Medicare aren't my definition of economic growth that would free posterity from servility. Admittedly, these entitlement programs are like heroin drips that turn users into instant addicts.

We must break the shell and narrative of neocolonial economic nihilism that we can't help ourselves. However, the latter view would require religious level commitment to move forward. It's all in the palm of our hands to remove what has been pounded effectively under neocolonialism. Our history is replete with self-support and independence. Our ancestors did it by farming our land and fishing the vast expanse of our waters.

If I may explain once more: In 1972, I saw a U.S. geological map in our Washington office detailing possible oil deposits stretching the entire archipelago all the way down the western side of the FSM and into the Republic of Belau. Imagine the wealth crude oil pumped from our waters could bring to the CNMI. Between the FSM, Belau, and the CNMI we'd have the largest oil deposit anywhere in the world. It illustrates the collective size of island governments that transcends the narrow view colonial powers have had of these islands.

Neocolonialism, however, has its ugly tentacles placed in every corner from the first day of the Covenant negotiations in 1972. We were lured into an agreement that took away our sovereignty, including control of our 200-mile exclusive economic zone. What subtle way to ensure that neocolonialism is fully planted and internalized by our people in perpetuity. I honestly quiz if this is the substantive definition of self-government. How do you see this creature in the agreement?

Fishery is an area that Uncle Sam won't assist the CNMI with in any substantive fashion. The issue is caught in geopolitical partnership with distant fishing nations. His relationship with these countries is far more vital for security reasons than economic prosperity rooted in our fish and seabed resources. Thus, food stamps and every other stamp are emplaced for us to nibble on as we try to navigate if dependency is our ultimate trophy in the current relationship.

In passing, this view is intended to reawaken the consciousness of the indigenous people so they engage even casual discussions about our future. It's all in the palm of our hands to define a meaningful future for our children. I do so having heard their distant voices that they want something better and greater than a future in political and economic servility.

NMI's bankruptcy

The CNMI government has a cumulative deficit of $1.148 billion. Some $779 million is money owed the Retirement Fund; the balance of $369 million is the current CNMI government deficit.

Though there are signs of recovery in the tourism industry, we can't say whether small businesses have fared well, given the highly prohibitive cost of utilities.

This turns the question of expenditure from how much is in the coffers to how money is spent amidst the persistent significant loss of revenue generation. This fiscal anomaly sends chills up my spine as the CNMI struggles to meet its obligations. Are we not already staring down fiscal cliff?

It's a troubling fiscal phenomenon doubled up by the shutdown of the federal government that, in turn, adversely affected both programs and employees here. The fiscal posture can't cover any such operations at this juncture.

I was in government for 27 years but this is the first time that it has hit a cumulative deficit of $1.148 billion. Austerity measure is now a must, including real cuts in spending in order to move essential public services forward.

Separation of powers

At a recent Senate session, the AG's representatives were asked if the administration—through the Fund's settlement agreement—could commit future legislatures on appropriations?

The question was repeated thrice. The AG's answers consistently avoided providing a clear answer. I'm not a legal eagle but the answer is simple: It would be a violation of the concept of separation of powers. Therefore, the administration is constitutionally prohibited from committing future legislatures on any appropriations inherent under its agreement.

Furthermore, what precedent gave the federal district court the authority to hear a purely local matter? Isn't this an issue of jurisdiction? I raise this query in that the federal district court has forced the use of DPL's "segregated funds" for payment of land compensation in recent past. Is the stature of the court being "federal" grants it superiority, therefore the right to violate local constitutional provisions?

Furthermore, what is the source of the $779 million unfunded liability? Was this ever analyzed to determine how much retirees are owed versus current members? Isn't the bulk of the liability with current members whose pension would have to be paid some $10 million annually for 70 years? What is the goal of the settlement agreement? Is it to pay off current unfunded liability then close it or eventually establish a "cash balance" pension program? Retirees deserve an explanation and we need it now!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kill the anti-double dipping law

Now is as good a time as any to kill the anti-double dipping law because we retirees are slowly being killed. The Fund is already calling me to sign something because the 75 percent leaves me with a negative balance after my retiree loan house note and insurances are paid when I used to get a couple of hundred and it's not my fault—so go figure that one out because I'm laughing to keep from crying. But I'm sure that I'm not alone and other retirees could use the extra work and pay now. With the need to transition to a local workforce and everyone being pushed to Social Security, there is no longer a need to impose a double-dipping requirement that is obviously obsolete now. In fact, it will make it much easier for the government, especially PSS, to get the qualified individuals from the local workforce in the CNMI and possibly bring back locals from the mainland who have retired.

Allowing double-dipping now is really a no-brainer from what I have been able to determine and the only question is will our Legislature act on it or will they just pretend they didn't read this, as usual. I know there are a few of them who just hate it when I beat them to the punch on legislation so they don't support the idea and others who don't want to listen to or promote an outsider's idea and who knows what some of the others are thinking, if they are thinking. Anyway, there are a few who I believe really respect me and I hope and pray that at least one of them will take this ball and run with it for the sake of helping retirees who can still work and want to work. The government needs to fully transition to a U.S. citizen workforce and killing this law will certainly give the government more options. Don't forget, our Delegate Kilili just warned us the clock is ticking and that D-Day is coming and we must expeditiously work toward the exit of the alien workforce.

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Kagman, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Cloudy and windy with occasional locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 35 mph .

▲84° ▼76°

SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy and Windy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 20 to 30 mph.

▲85° ▼76°

SUNDAY

Partly sunny and breezy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲86° ▼78°

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲86° ▼76°

TUESDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲87° ▼76°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Palau	Showers	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Chuuk	Cloudy	▲87	▼79
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼75
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲65	▼57
Beijing	Sunny	▲72	▼49
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲90	▼79
Honolulu	Showers	▲85	▼73
London	Rain	▲55	▼52
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲69	▼54
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼48
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼70
New York	Rain	▲61	▼55
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲83	▼68
Paris	Showers	▲51	▼43
Pusan	Windy	▲78	▼56
Rome	Showers	▲69	▼59
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼44
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼54
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Washington, DC	Showers	▲62	▼60

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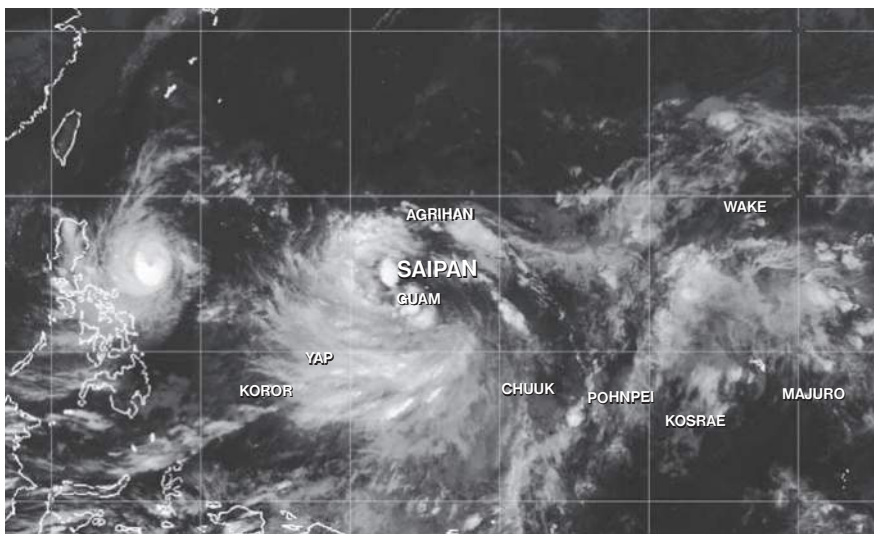

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends eastward through 130E at 16N to a tropical disturbance centered just east of Guam at 13N145E then continues southeastward to end near Chuuk at 4N156E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen between Guam and Yap within 200 miles of a line from 16N140E to 5N148E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present across the Marianas and along the monsoon trough to Chuuk within 180 miles of a line from 17N146E to 8N153E to 2N155E. The disturbance near Guam remains the subject of a Tropical Cyclone Formation alert issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN21 PGTW. Additional information can also be found in special weather statements issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WWMY80 PGUM and WWPQ80 PGUM. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Palau south of a line from 2N133E to 2N143E. A tropical disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across the Northern Marshall Islands within an area bounded by a line from 15N162E to 14N173E to 10N173E to 6N163E back to 15N162E and east of Majuro within 150 miles of a line from 11N174E to 9N180. An upper-level low is centered west-northwest of Wake Island at 21N159E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between Wake Island and Minami Tori Shima within 240 miles of a line from 15N156E to 25N165E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

7:09 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
2:24 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
7:54 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	5:59 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Monday	6:08 AM	5:57 PM
Tuesday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:46 AM	11:30 PM
Saturday	12:41 PM	
Sunday	1:32 PM	12:30 AM
Monday	2:21 PM	1:28 AM
Tuesday	3:07 PM	2:25 AM

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UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
0Z608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
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0Z604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
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UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
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UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
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UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
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ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
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BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
0Z607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
0Z603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
0Z605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
PR110/UA5072	7:35am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	7:55am	12:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
0Z746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
0Z722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landless equals homeless

On Jan. 17, 1893, a group of wealthy businessmen and sugar plantation owners conspired with the U.S. to overthrow Hawaii's monarchy and restrict native Hawaiians to their royal lands. The net effect of this conspiracy resulted in native Hawaiians being landless and homeless.

After World War II the federal government exercised its power of eminent domain to control about a third of Guam's land, denying many Chamorros of Guam access to their lands for many years. The need for temporary economic assistance forced Chamorros of Guam to sell their lands to non-Chamorro people and businessmen in fee-simple ownership. Majority of them are now staying in apartments on the land that was once theirs. Those who couldn't afford to rent apartment become homeless. Perhaps there are some Chamorros of Guam who also lost their lands due to owing large sum of unpaid property taxes. The net effect of this land taking after WWII and the need for temporary economic assistance resulted in many Chamorros being landless and homeless.

The Northern Marianas Chamorros and Carolinians are very fortunate to have Article 12, which protects us from being landless and homeless. This protection allows us to pass our lands to our children for generations after generations. The U.S. recognized the protection of our lands so to prevent the same thing that happened in Hawaii from taking place in the CNMI. The U.S. also recognized the need to protect our lands so as not to become "the landless pawns of outside investors."

Our lands are the basis of our freedom as wars are fought over land rights. Chamorros and Carolinians must be aware of the "divide and conquer" scheme that is now being employed by wealthy investors in the CNMI. The local movers to abolish Article 12 are conspiring with their employers. Their employers want to control our lands for their own gain and in the end our local people will become the minority in their own land. This was the very reason the U.S. insisted for the Commonwealth to impose such land alienation restrictions.

We may be cash-poor now but we are land-rich. With wise utilization of our lands, improving and overhauling some of our laws that are hindering our prosperity, Chamorros and Carolinians can become job providers and key economic players in our CNMI. Chamorros and Carolinians should experience prosperity as promised in our Covenant. But it is not happening! Why? It is because we are divided on Article 12 and we will soon be conquered. We need to stand united to fight for our freedom for we, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, ordain and establish our Constitution as the embodiment of our traditions and hopes for our Commonwealth. Otherwise, we will become foreigners in our own land and "the landless pawns to outside investors."

So here is the compromise to wealthy investors and their local movers: We will encourage passage of HLI 18-5 to extend long-term lease to 99 years so you can create more local jobs and not reinvest your income earned outside of our CNMI. I just hope the House members are not holding back on HLI 18-5 in favor of HLI 18-4 to destroy Article 12.

Rep. Francisco Dela Cruz is the author of HLI 18-4 to amend Article 12 and remove the mandatory restriction on the alienation of land and to remove owners' protection from not selling their land fee simple. If you wish to be landless and homeless in the not-too-distant future, please vote for Rep. Dela Cruz this coming election and all those would-be candidates who are in favor of destroying Article 12. Thank you senators for protecting us! Kill HLI 18-4!

On real estate tax law: It is no "what if" the Legislature suddenly decides to enact a real estate tax law on all privately owned law. It will be a grave violation of our Constitution's Article 10, Section 5 which states that "no tax may be levied upon any owner-occupied single family residential, agricultural, or unimproved real property, unless approved by three-fourths of the votes cast in an election conducted in the senatorial district in which the tax is to be levied." As soon as Article 12 is destroyed, real estate tax law will definitely be imposed. Mark me on this!

Protect Article 12 and kill HLI 18-4, and we will never be landless and homeless. Abolish politicians who favor destroying Article 12. God bless us all and God bless America who insisted for the Commonwealth to impose land alienation restrictions.

Jesus Taisague
Koblerville, Saipan

NOBEL

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cation." What distinguishes Nobel laureates is passion for their work, work that engages their hearts as well as their heads.

Let the example of Marie Curie (physics, 1903; chemistry, 1911) and her husband Pierre (physics, 1903) stand for the experience of many others. The Curies became convinced that radium could be isolated from the mineral pitchblende. The Sorbonne assigned them a shed with a leaking roof and a dirt floor, where the Curies worked for years, freezing in winter and sweltering in summer.

"And yet," Marie Curie wrote in her biography of her husband, "it was in this miserable old shed that the best and happiest years of our life were spent, entirely consecrated to work. I sometimes passed the whole day stirring a mass in ebullition, with an iron rod nearly as big as myself. In the evening I was broken with fatigue. … We worked in the unique preoccupation of a dream."

This experience—being utterly immersed in and dedicated to a task of great significance—is common to all Nobel laureates, and it is cherished by them as much as the prize itself.

David Pratt compiled The Impossible Takes Longer: The 1,000 Wisest Things Ever Said by Nobel Prize Laureates. *He wrote this for the* Los Angeles Times.

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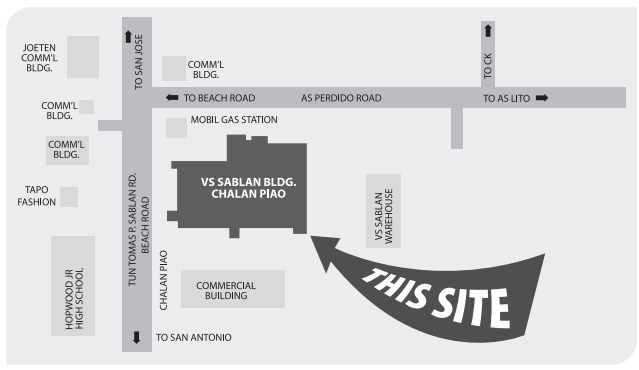

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Kilili: Apply now for US service academies

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) opened nominations for the U.S. service academies yesterday. There are five slots available this year for men and women from the Northern Mariana Islands who want to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

"Attending one of the U.S. service academies is a unique opportunity to obtain a fine education without cost," Sablan said. "In return, graduates commit to the military for a minimum of five years, entering service with their college degree and an officer's commission."

As a Member of Congress, Sablan is able to nominate up to 10 qualified young people from the Northern Mariana Islands for each available slot at an academy. The admissions board of each academy then selects among Sablan's nominees, looking for potential students who meet standards for academic achievement, leadership potential, physical conditioning, and moral character.

In this year's admission cycle for students entering the 2014-2015 school year, there are two slots at the Naval Academy, one at the Air Force Academy, one at West Point, and one at the Merchant Marine Academy.

An applicant must meet the following basic requirements as of July 1, 2014, to be eligible for admission:

■ **Age:** At least 17 and under 23 years old;

■ **Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen;

■ **Marital status:** Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents;

■ **Academic standing:** Must have superior grades and test scores;

■ **Skill/fitness:** Must meet the medical and physical requirements of the Academy.

Application forms and information on the nomination process can be found on the congressional website, http://sablan.house.gov/ and at congressional district offices on Rota, Saipan, and Tinian. The deadline for submitting a nomination package to a district office for school year 2014-2015 is Dec. 13, 2013. Prospective nominees are encouraged to submit all required documents as soon as possible.

Northern Mariana Islanders were previously allotted only one position at a time at each academy. But Sablan was able to double the number of slots for the CNMI with passage of U.S. Public Law 111-84. ***(PR)***

Sablan attends Caucus meeting with Obama on govt shutdown

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), along with most members of the House Democratic Caucus, met at the White House yesterday with President Barack Obama to discuss their position on the ongoing government shutdown. Attempts by House Republicans to condition all government funding for the fiscal year that began on Oct. 1 to a delay of the Affordable Care Act led to the shutdown now in its second week.

"The President remains firm," Sablan said. "He believes that we need to open the government and restore services to the American people. He believes that we cannot put our economy and the world's economy at risk by threatening to default on U.S. debt. And, once the government is reopened and the threat to our economic well-being is removed, he is more than willing to have a conversation about any aspect of the federal government's fiscal policy." ***(PR)***

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In celebration of the 96th anniversary of the miracle of the sun in Fatima, Dr. Celia Lamkin, Rosary Rally Captain for the CNMI, in collaboration with the El Shaddai Charismatic Group Saipan, is inviting everyone to join the 2013 Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 11:30am to 1pm, at the Filcom Pavilion near the Sabalu Market in Susupe.

" The first Public Square Rosary Rally was held in front of the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Susupe in 2011, followed by the rosary rally that I organized at the Garapan Fishing Base last year," said Lamkin. "Please join the Rosary Rally to spread Our Lady's Fatima message: prayer, penance and conversion."

The El Shaddai Youth Choir will perform the songs of praise in the program.

For more information, call Lamkin at 288-1714 or Sr. Lucy Torres Reyes at 288-2085. ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 4th tornado birthday to Christopher "Tobat" Tagabuel! You're the best and happiest tornado that came into our lives. We miss you very much. God bless you always. Aloha!

Happy birthday to Jake Demapan, who is celebrating his special day today, Oct. 11! May God bless you and hope your special day brings you all that your heart desires! Wishing you a day full of pleasant surprises. Greetings com from Jenn, Samirah (Mai-Mai), JR III, Nani, Chelle, Stevie, RJ, and your whole families and friends.

Delegates bring concerns to new Ranking Member DeFazio

WASHINGTON, D.C.—At the request of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), the new Ranking Member of the House Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Peter DeFazio (D–Oregon), met with representatives of the U.S. insular areas yesterday.

The delegates from the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and U.S. Virgin Islands and the resident commissioner from Puerto Rico used the occasion to brief DeFazio on a variety of legislative concerns.

DeFazio took over the Ranking Member position on the Committee after the election of Ed Markey, the previous Ranking Member, to the U.S. Senate.

"I am very appreciative that Mr. DeFazio took the time to review our legislative agenda," Sablan said. "Insular area policy is under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee, so it is important that the Democratic leader on the Committee be fully informed of our legislative goals."

Sablan himself is the Ranking Member on the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, and took responsibility for making sure that the delegates and resident commissioner had this opportunity.

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Insular area representatives Eni F.V. Faleomavaega (D-American Samoa), Donna M.C. Christensen (U.S. Virgin Islands), Madeleine Z. Bordallo (Guam), Pedro R. Pierluisi (Puerto Rico), and Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Northern Mariana Islands) met with Rep. Peter DeFazio, third from left, to discuss territorial legislative issues. DeFazio is the new Ranking Member of the House Committee on Natural Resources, which has jurisdiction over insular affairs.

Attending the briefing with DeFazio were Delegates Eni Faleomavaega (D-American Samoa), Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam), and Donna Christensen (D-Virgin Islands), and Resident Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi (D-Puerto Rico).

Among the issues discussed at yesterday's meeting was Sablan's Territorial Omnibus Act, H.R. 2200, which is a compilation of legislative initiatives from each of the insular areas. That bill also has a companion in the Senate, S. 1237, introduced at Sablan's request by Ron Wyden (D–Oregon), chairman of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, together with Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), the Committee's Ranking Member. The Senate Committee had a hearing on S.1237 bill on July 11.

The insular areas representative urged DeFazio to work with the committee's Republican leadership to schedule hearings on H.R. 2200 and other matters important to the islands, including the impacts of military activity, high energy costs, and the need for economic development incentives targeted to U.S. territories. ***(PR)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW14-RFP-001

DEMOLITION, SALVAGE AND RECOVERY
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE , ROADS & GROUNDS, TRANSPORTATION /AUTOMOTIVE AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT DIVISION BUILDING
Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the DEMOLITION, SALVAGE AND RECOVERY for Department of Public Works Operations & Maintenance, Roads & Grounds, Transportation / Automotive and Heavy Equipment Divisions Building Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prior to being awarded a contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Scope of Work is available on or after September 27, 2013 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the of Public Works Lower Base Compound, on October 16, 2013. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 2:30 p.m. local time October 23, 2013.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only sub-consultants may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
1. ***Qualifications and Experience - 50%***
2. ***Organization and Capacity - 20%***
3. ***Response to RFP - 20%***
4. ***Cost - 10%***

Sealed proposals must be marked "DPW14-RFP-001". For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, October 25, 2013 to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, October 25, 2013, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 25, 2013 and must be received no later than November 04, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

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PORT OF SAIPAN BOAT SHED CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT NO. CPA-SS-001-13
DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the construction of a new boat shed building at the Port of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The work shall include all materials, labor and equipment necessary to achieve a finished product, including but limited to the items in this scope of work and those shown on the working drawings. The proposal package which includes the scope of work and other considerations will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning September 30th, 2013.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Port of Saipan Boat Shed-Design/Built Services". One original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 11, 2013 at the Port of Saipan Conference Room. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only those contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting will be allowed to submit proposals. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the pre-proposal conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

CTSI Logistics donates to two schools in Palau

Two schools in Palau were the latest beneficiaries of CTSI Logistics, Inc.'s community outreach after the company donated $2,000 and school supplies to Palau High School and Emmaus High School.

The donations were made through the women's non-governmental organization MIlad 'L Dil, which selected the two schools as beneficiaries of its "The Gift of Teaching Project."

The entire management team of CTSI Logistics from across the Western Pacific, the United States, and parts of Asia were in Palau for their annual Business Planning Conference at the Palaysia Hotel.

"By practice, we make it a point to reach out to our communities wherever we do business," said Ronnie Giman, station manager for CTSI Logisics' Palau operations. "CTSI Palau is active in that. But this year was a special treat since we held our annual business planning here."

"Milad 'L Dil is an important partner in our mission to reach out to our communities. They have this wonderful project, The Gift of Teaching Project, wherein they raise funds for needy schools. They are perfect partners for us, as they do good work without much fanfare," Giman added.

It was learned that each CTSI Logistics station contributed to raise the funds. Their CEO, Jerry Tan, has always had a strong commitment to the communities they do business in and has infused this "culture of giving back" to all the managers and team members of the companies he leads.

CTSI LOGISTICS

CTSI Logistics, Inc. led by CEO Jerry Tan donates $2,000 and school supplies to the women's non-governmental organization MIlad 'L Dil, which selected Palau High School and Emmaus High School as beneficiaries of its "The Gift of Teaching Project."

Aside from Giman and Tan, also present during the community outreach in Palau were executive vice president George Chiu, vice president Alex Sablan, Jun Heramia (CTSI U.S.), Danny Lim (CTSI Guam), Ray Musada (CTSI Federated States of Micronesia), Joven Cruz (CTSI Saipan), Abbe Cheng (CTSI Taiwan), Peter Hooi (CTSI Cambodia), Betty Jang (representing James Yang of CTSI Korea), Gerry Inandan (CTSI Philippines), Eric Ng (CTSI Hong Kong), and CTSI Corporate Office's (Manila) Sam Capati, Elmer Relente, Denise Roman, Efren Bernardino, Leslie Ladan, and Bingoy Gonzales.

Last year, CTSI Logistics' community outreach was held in Cambodia, where the company donated to the Bopha Hospital for children afflicted with tuberculosis.

CTSI Logistics is a key industry player in the transport, warehousing, and logistics sector with strong focus in the Western Pacific and West Coast routes. The company has offices in 12 countries and has a strong culture of volunteerism and commitment to environmental and social issues affecting communities. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB13-GOV-184

Renovation and Upgrade of the Main Entrance – Office of the Governor
Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Renovation and Upgrade of the Main Entrance – Office of the Governor, Capitol Hill Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Tuesday, October 01, 2013, 9:00AM ChST at the project site, Capitol Hill, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST October 03, 2013 to Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer Technical Representative, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB13-GOV-184, Renovation and Upgrade of the Main Entrance – Office of the Governor"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST October 21, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST October 21, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 21, 2013 and must be received no later than October 30, 2013 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 AM ChST October 31, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 9:30 AM ChST October 21, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is thirty (30) calendar days after the established Notice to Proceed date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP13-GOV-185

Architectural & Engineering Design Services
for the Existing Municipal Solid Waste Facility

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Capital Improvement Office, is soliciting sealed proposals for the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Existing Municial Solid Waste Facility, Tinian MP, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with NMIAC Section 70-30.3-305.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The Scope of Work (SOW) will be available on or after October 11, 2013 at the Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment be presented when obtaining the package. A Pre-Proposal Meeting is scheduled on at the Governor's Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan on October 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m at the Governor's Conference Room . The project completion time for this project is 120 calendar days. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager at Fax no. (670) 664-2408 or via email at balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com no later than Monday, October 30, 2013, 4:30 p.m., local time. Responses to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

Proposals shall not exceed twenty five (25) pages. Note that a firm or company that submits as a prime consultant cannot submit as a subconsultant on another proposal. However, subconsultants maybe included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification and Experience on similar projects (25%)
2. Project Approach (25%)
3. Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required time frame (25%)
4. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects (25%)
5. Fee Proposal (0%)

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP13-GOV-185. For proposals within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, November 13, 2013. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitted an Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, November 13, 2013, local time, and maybe submitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of the foreign country no later than November 13, 2013 AND the proposal must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement & Supply Lower Base Drive no later than November 22, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms maybe selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section NMIAC 70-30.3-245.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

Docomo donates $5K worth to Joeten Memorial Golf Classic

Docomo Pacific donated $5,000 in cash and in-kind to Joeten's charitable organization for the upcoming Joeten Memorial Golf Classic, a fundraiser golf tournament event scheduled for Nov, 9, 2013, at the Saipan Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort.

"It has been 15 years since Joeten's last fundraising golf tournament, so we look forward to seeing this event come to fruition," said Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson. "We are confident that our donation will be put to good use."

"We would like to thank Docomo Pacific for their support. Our success is dependent on generous donations such as this," said JMGC chair Somia Quan.

There are four different sponsorship packages offered by the tournament committee: Founder's Club ($5,000), Trustees' Club ($2,500), Eagle Club ($1,000), and Friends of JCF ($999 and below).

The tournament will be a stroke play, low gross format. First, second, and third place winners in the Senior, A, B, C, and Ladies flight divisions will each receive prizes.

In addition to winner prizes, JMGC will be offering prizes for hole-in-one, closest-to-the-pin, longest drive, and most accurate buy-ins.

The tournament will be followed by an awards lunch banquet and raffle. The raffle will have $1 and $5 tickets and will include some great prizes.

Registration fee is $95 and forms are available at all major Joeten locations, Ace Hardware, Joeten Superstore, The Athlete's Foot, Boarderline, AllStar Sporting Goods, and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters. Completed forms can be turned in and paid at Joeten Motors Parts Department using cash, check, or credit card.

For information about this tournament contact Quan at 234-6446 or via email at joeten-mgc@joeten.com. ***(PR)***

JOETEN

Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson, fourth from left, donates $5,000 in cash and in-kind to the Joeten Memorial Golf Classic fundraiser golf tournament scheduled for Nov. 9, 2013, at the Saipan Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort. Others in the photo, from left, are JMGC organizing committee members Clarence Tenorio, Somia Quan, Matt Deets, Shirley Sablan, Docomo sales manager Pauline Scragg, and JMGC member Soledad Tenorio.

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB13-GOV-180

Expansion of a Parking Lot – Office of the Governor
Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Parking Lot Expansion – Office of the Governor, Capitol Hill Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Friday, September 20, 2013 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Friday, September 27, 2013, 9:00AM ChST at the project site, Capitol Hill, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST October 03, 2013 to Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer Technical Representative, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB13-GOV-180, Expansion of a Parking Lot"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 AM ChST October 21, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 AM ChST October 21, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 14, 2013 and must be received no later than October 30, 2013 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 AM ChST October 31, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 11:00 AM ChST October 21, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is ninety (90) calendar days after the established Notice to Proceed date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Request for Qualifications
Architectural and Engineering Design Services for Assessment of the Tinian Harbor
RFQ13-GOV-179

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office ("Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Design Services for Assessment of the Tinian Harbor, located at San Jose Village on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Prior to an award of a design contract, the firm or company must have obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The project package and scope of work will be available Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled on Monday, October 7, 2013, 9:00 a.m. at the Governor's Office conference room, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Questions regarding this Request for Qualifications must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, CIP Office or via email to balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com or via facsimile to (670) 664-2408 no later than September 27, 2013, 4:30 p.m., local time.

Proposals shall not exceed 25 pages. Note, a firm or company that submits as a prime consultant cannot also submit as a sub consultant on another proposal. However, sub consultants maybe included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1.	Qualification and experience on similar projects	25%
2.	Project Approach	5%
3.	Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required period	25%
4.	Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects	25%
5.	Fee Proposal	0%

Performance time for completion of the A&E Design Services for Assessment of the Tinian is 150 calendar days upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed and shall be the greater of (i) Two Hundred Dollars (US$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by the number of calendar days of the contract time, the contract time and contract price being determined at the time of the assessment of liquidated damages for each and every day beyond the established completion date.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFQ13-GOV-179 A&E Design Services for Assessment of the Tinian Harbor. For proposals within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, October 18, 2013. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, October 18, 2013 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of the foreign country no later than October 18, 2013 and must be received no later than October 29, 2013. Failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest-ranking qualified firm, then additional firms maybe selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section 3-301. All responses to this RFQ shall take into account all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement & Supply

1 Hulluva Knight tops ASCNMI's Quiz Nite III

Members of 1 Hulluva Knight definitely had their thinking caps on last Oct. 5 when they won Quizz Nite II at the Kanoa Resort.

The competition, organized by the CNMI Autism Society, had a total of 100 participants divided into 10 teams.

Quizz Nite III had five rounds and each round focused on specific topics. Round 1 was local and regional trivia, Round 2 was global and international trivia, Round 3 was famous people with disabilities; Round 4 was comic books and entertainment, and Round 5 about autism and other disabilities.

The champion team, 1 Hulluva Knight, started slow but in the end surpassed everyone with a total of 35 points.

1 Hulluva Knight was made up of teachers including but not limited to Pete Aldan and his better half, Jay Sanchez, and other teachers from Kagman High School. The winners got a $300 check, the biggest trophy with a bowl for cereal, and bragging rights until next year.

In second place was My Mama, which was made up of at least one doctor, two attorneys, and a car salesman with their better halves. My Mama scored 34 total points and took home $200 cash and a medium-sized trophy with a bowl for cereal.

The Kingfishers finished third with 32 points and pocketed $100 and received a small trophy with a bowl for cereal. As their name suggests, The Kingfishers was made up of teachers from William S. Reyes Elementary School.

The other seven teams that took part in Quizz Nite III were Ikaika, Geckos, Avengers, Arlene's Ange, Monkeys, Last Resort, and erstwhile defending champion Hita Na Tres of Michael White.

"We had a total of 10 teams of three to 10 folks per team. Each person paid $25 for a dinner buffet and an opportunity to win Quiz Nite III," said organizer Tom Thornbourgh of the ASCNMI.

Thornbourgh thanked all 10 teams and the 100 people who took part, as well as the businesses that donated prizes. He also extended his gratitude to My Mama for returning their $200 check to help ASCNMI in its awareness campaigns of autism and other disabilities in the community.

Quizz Nite III sponsors included Sweet Escape, The Shack, Boarderline, Athlete's Foot, Lollipops, Girl Talk, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan World Resort, Mariana Resort and Spa, Flor's Beauty Shop, Docomo Pacific, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Bridge Capital, Bank of Saipan, Century Hotel, Magic Touch Beauty Salon, and Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan).

Thornbourgh also thanked the facilitators, volunteers, judges Paul Plunkett, Ni Deleon Guerrero, and Floyd Masga, and tabulator Vince Merfalen.

Quizz Nite is the Autism Society of the CNMI's signature fundraiser. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Hulluva Knight topped Quizz Nite III held on Oct. 5 at the Kanoa Resort.

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My Mama finished second in the trivia competition organized by the Autism Society of the CNMI.

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The Kingfishers finished third place in Quizz Nite III.

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Four FSM fiduciaries earn AIF designation

Four fiduciaries from the Federated States of Micronesia have been awarded the Accredited Investment Fiduciary designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies, the standards-setting body for fi360.

Anna Mendiola, president of FSM Development Bank; Sihna Lawrence, CFO of FSM Development Bank; Alexander Narruhn, administrator of the FSM Social Security Administration; and Zorro Donre, HR manager of the Pohnpei Ports Authority, attended the Asia-based Fi360 training, which was sponsored by the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies, held in conjunction with APAFS's Annual Pacific Region Investment Conference in Manila.

There have now been three such trainings held, with the FSM boasting the greatest number of successful candidates in the region.

The AIF designation signifies specialized knowledge of fiduciary responsibility and the ability to implement policies and procedures that meet a defined standard of care. The designation is the culmination of a rigorous training program, which includes a comprehensive, closed-book final examination under the supervision of a proctor, and agreement to abide by the AIF Code of Ethics. On an ongoing basis, designees are required to complete continuing education to maintain the AIF designation.

Mendiola,

Lawrence

Narruhn

Donre

Fi360 will be holding the next AIF training on Nov. 5 and 6, 2013, in Manila, Philippines, following the second Asia-based offering of the Fiduciary Essentials certificate course to be held on Nov. 4.

The 13th Annual Pacific Region Investment Conference will then be held on Nov. 7 and 8, 2013.

"We are excited about once again hosting these prestigious, and badly needed, fiduciary training courses," said APAFS chair Gerard Cruz. "The response to both the AIF and FE courses has been truly overwhelming. Demand is already high for this year's trainings, and as we can only accommodate 35 participants in each course, I would encourage interested individuals to email us immediately at executivedirector@apafs.org."

Fi360, based near Pittsburgh, Pa., is the first full-time training and research facility for fiduciaries, and conducts training programs at universities throughout the United States and abroad. As part of fi360, the Center confers the AIF designation and the Accredited Investment Fiduciary Analyst designation, as well as the Fiduciary Essentials Certificate Course.

AIFA designees are the only recognized professionals trained to perform fiduciary assessments, which measure how well investment professionals are fulfilling the fiduciary duties required of them by the applicable investment legislation, case law, and regulatory opinion letters. ***(APAFS)***

RED CROSS DONATIONS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

American Red Cross representatives John Hirsh, center, and Joshua Sasamoto, right, with child, receive a $1,500 donation from PHI Pharmacy's vice president Bruce Cohen on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at PHI's Garapan location.

ARC

John Hirsh, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director, second right, receives a $2,500 donation from Tasi Tours general manager David Igitol, left, Tasi Tours president Kazusuke Fukuju, second left, and Tasi Tours general manager Takashi Mimura, on Wednesday, Oct. 9. The donation will go toward supporting ARC in this year's Club 200.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

State Health Information Technology (HIT) Meeting
Stakeholders Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 15, 2013 - 5:30 p.m.
in CHCC's Conference Room 3

Agenda

I. Stakeholders Roll Call
II. Review and adoption of August 26, 2013 Meeting minutes
III. Review and adoption of today's Agenda
IV. Regular Business
- A. Health Information Technology (HIT) Activities Update
- B. Possible Workshops on HIT and EHRs
- C. Provider Stakeholders Update
- D. CHCC EHR Network Update
- E. Public Health Update
  1. Immunization
  2. Laboratory Reporting
  3. Surveillance
- F. Health Information Exchange Update
  1. Direct Secure Messaging

V. Comments/Inputs from Stakeholders
VI. Miscellaneous/Announcements
VII. New Business
VIII. Next Meeting
IX. Adjournment

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INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB14-DPL-001
Submission/Opening Date: October 29, 2013 Time: 10:00 A.M.

"OFFICE SPACE LEASE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS ROTA BRANCH"

Copies of the specifications may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.
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The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to wave any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Pedro A. Tenorio
Secretary of DPL

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION FOR: **E.A.C.** Minor Child, By: JOHN ALLEN A. CABRERA Petitioner	)))))))))	**FCD AD CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0491** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Adoption for the above-named minor child by John Allen A. Cabrera Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Adoption will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI, before the Honorable Kenneth Govendo on the 21st day of October, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Armando A. Camposano Petitioner, Vs. Elizabeth Aldunar-Camposano Respondent,	))))))	**FCD – DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0437** **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is PMB 714 PPP Box 10000 Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk o this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND Plaintiff, **v.** **VICENTE K. BASA aka VINCENT K. BASA,** Defendant.	]]]]]]]]	**CIVIL ACTION NO.: 13-0010** **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to the Entry of Default and Default Judgment Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 11, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and interest of Defendant in and to the following real property:

Lot No. 001 G 31, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 02, the original of which was recorded on March 18, 1986 as Document No. 86-0513 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

1. **Date, Time and Place of Sale.** The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendant or a representative), and will be held on **Wednesday, October 16, 2013,** at the hour of **1:30 p.m. at the entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, D'Torres Building, Garapan, CNMI.** Registration for the auction sale will begin at 1:15 p.m.

2. **Change of Terms and Conditions.** The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 11th day of September, 2013.

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Business

Data show China passing US as biggest oil importer

BEIJING (AP)—China has achieved another world-beating status its leaders don't want: Biggest oil importer.

China passed the United States in September as the world's biggest net oil importer, driven by faster economic growth and strong auto sales, according to U.S. government data released this week.

Chinese oil consumption outstripped production by 6.3 million barrels per day, which indicates the country had to import that much to fill the gap, the Energy Information Administration said this week.

"China's steady growth in oil demand has led it to become the world's largest net oil importer, exceeding the United States in September 2013,'" the agency said in a report. "EIA forecasts this trend to continue through 2014."

China's economic boom has raised incomes and increased its global influence. But it also has spurred demand for imported oil and gas, which communist leaders see as a strategic weakness.

Rising auto ownership has left China's cities choking on smog and added to pressure on Beijing from its own public to curb pollution and from other nations to rein in surging greenhouse gas emissions.

The United States, with a population about one-third the size of China's, still consumes far more oil per person than China does.

In September, Americans used 18.6 million barrels per day of oil and other liquid fossil fuels, while China used 10.9 million, according to the EIA's Short-Term Energy Outlook. U.S. production was 12.5 million barrels per day, while that of China was 4.6 million.

China's economy, the world's second-largest, is cooling but still is forecast to grow by nearly 8 percent this year, well above forecasts for the U.S.

The Chinese auto market, the biggest by number of vehicles sold, also is cooling but sales still rose by 11 percent in August.

Beijing is encouraging development of wind and solar power and use of autos powered by batteries or natural gas. But gasoline is expected to remain the country's main vehicle fuel in coming decades.

The government has launched initiatives to improve China's energy intensity, or the energy consumed for each unit of economic output. It has reported progress but still is far behind developed economies.

Until the late 1990s, China supplied its oil needs from domestic sources including the vast Daqing field in the northeast. But the economic boom outstripped its production capacity while output from existing sources is forecast to decline.

That has forced China to rely more heavily on imports, especially from Saudi Arabia and Iran. Communist leaders see that as a strategic weakness because of possible instability in the Gulf and Iran's political isolation.

EIA noted that China's domestic oil production was hampered over the past two months by summer flooding.

State-owned oil companies and their foreign partners are spending heavily to look for new oil sources in China and to develop alternatives such as methane from coal beds. But they have yet to find new deposits that match the size of Daqing.

Investors keep faith in US in crisis after crisis

NEW YORK (AP)—The U.S. keeps stumbling from one budget crisis to another, but the damage never sticks.

Global investors still see it as the world's best place to park their money. Even the threat of an unprecedented government default doesn't seem to have dulled the allure of Teflon America. The 10-year Treasury note, the bedrock of the government's debt market, has attracted more money in recent weeks, not less, and the stock market is still close to record highs.

Still, the squabbling in Washington over the debt ceiling, which follows squabbling over automatic spending cuts earlier this year, is severely testing investor patience. Many fear a default would be a tipping point, sending bond and stock prices plunging.

The repeated budgetary brinkmanship is making some question their faith in the U.S.

"The more times you give politicians a chance to completely muck something up, the more chance ... they will do it," says Gary Jenkins, managing director of Swordfish Research in London. "If this were to become a regular occurrence, then, who knows?"

The U.S. Treasury has warned it will run out of money if Congress does not agree to raise a $16.7 trillion cap on borrowing by Oct. 17 and allow it to issue more debt. That has raised the specter that the U.S. won't be able to pay interest on its debt. Republicans say they won't allow more borrowing unless Democrats agree to restructure benefits programs or cut the deficit; the White House has ruled out negotiations tied to the debt cap.

AP

Trader Joseph Murray rushes across the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013.

Yellen: More needed to strengthen the recovery

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal Reserve Vice Chair Janet Yellen says more needs to be done to strengthen the U.S. economy. She made her remarks as Obama nominated her to succeed Ben Bernanke as chair of the nation's central bank.

Yellen

Yellen said the past six years have been tumultuous for the economy and challenging for many Americans. She said that while the recovery is not complete, quote, "We have made progress, the economy is stronger and the financial system is sounder."

She said considerable credit for the recovery goes to Bernanke. She said it was a privilege to serve with him and learn from him.

Bernanke's term ends Jan. 31. If confirmed by the Senate, Yellen would be the first woman to head the Federal Reserve.

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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE
USED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT
CPA-PAN-004-13

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority will sell at Public Auction, October 24th, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. used vehicles and equipment.

The used vehicles and equipment may be inspected at the Saipan International Airport by contacting Mr. Edward B. Mendiola or Juan C. Tudela at telephone numbers 237-6500/6505.

The schedule of vehicles and equipment may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning September 27, 2013.

The auction shall be made individually. Minimum bids are set for some of the vehicles.

All vehicles and equipment are sold "As Is" and "Where Is" and without Warranty. The successful bidder is required to pay 20% down payment at CPA Accounting Office on acceptance of bid. Balance shall be payable within 5 calendar days from auction closing date. Failure to pay will result in the forfeiture of the down payment. Payment shall be in cash, cashier's check, or money order payable to CPA.

CPA assumes no responsibility for any costs incurred by bidder's in their preparation of the bids.

Inquiries may be directed to the Procurement Officer, Mr. Alex C. Tudela, at telephone number 237-6563.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director

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PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF A
NEW SEAWATER FIRE PUMP
AND ELECTRIC DRIVEN MOTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CPA-RFP-001-14

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting cost proposal for the procurement and delivery of a new Seawater Fire Pump and Electric Driven Motor for its Seaport Operation.

The location and scope of work package is available beginning October 11, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Procurement and Delivery of a new Seawater Fire Pump and Electric Driven Motor-CPA-RFP-001-14." One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, October 31, 2013, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR
ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

TINIAN HARBOR SEAWATER FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM
PROJECT NO. CPA-TS-001-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Design Services.

The general scope of work is for A/E design services for design of seawater fire-fighting system for the Tinian Harbor, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. These services will include an assessment of the existing conditions and design of a new seawater fire-fighting system to be installed at the Tinian Harbor including plans, specifications and estimates for the anticipated repair work and improvements.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
2. A/E Design experience related to CPA projects;
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with seaport projects;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for seaport projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2013**.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to: Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
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/s/ THOMAS P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: October 4, 2013

Nation

Jupiter-bound craft runs into problem after flyby

LOS ANGELES (AP)—NASA's Jupiter-bound spacecraft hit a snag Wednesday soon after it used Earth as a gravity slingshot to hurtle toward the outer solar system, but mission managers said it's on course to arrive at the giant planet in 2016.

Juno emerged from Earth's shadow in safe mode, a state that spacecraft are programmed to go into when there's some trouble.

Despite the problem, "we believe we are on track as planned to Jupiter," said project manager Rick Nybakken of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which manages the $1.1 billion mission.

Engineers continued to diagnose the issue, which occurred after Juno whipped around Earth in a momentum-gathering flyby. Up until Wednesday, Juno had been in excellent health. While in safe mode, it can communicate with ground controllers, but its activities are limited.

Previous missions to the outer solar system have used Earth as a celestial springboard since there's no rocket powerful enough to make a direct flight. The Galileo spacecraft buzzed by Earth twice in the 1990s en route to Jupiter, the solar system's largest planet located 484 million miles from the sun.

Launched in 2011, Juno flew beyond the orbit of Mars, Earth's closest planetary neighbor, before looping back toward our home planet for a quick visit. Wednesday's rendezvous boosted Juno's speed from 78,000 mph relative to the sun to 87,000 mph—enough momentum to cruise past the asteroid belt to Jupiter, where it should arrive in 2016.

During the swing past Earth, Juno snapped pictures. The solar-powered, windmill-shaped spacecraft slipped into Earth's shadow as planned, but engineers were puzzled by the too little data it sent back afterward. At closest approach, it hurtled 350 miles above the ocean off the coast of South Africa.

NASA said skywatchers with binoculars or a small telescope might have seen it streak across the sky, weather permitting. Ham radio operators around the globe were encouraged to say "Hi" in Morse code—a message that might be detected by Juno's radio.

By space mission standards, Juno's Earth rendezvous was low-key compared with the Curiosity rover's nail-biting landing on Mars last year, which drew crowds. Since flybys have been executed before, project managers predicted a smooth flight.

The unexpected problem causes "a moderate level of concern," Nybakken said.

Despite a government shutdown that has prevented NASA from updating its website or tweeting, the space agency's missions continue to operate. Earlier this week, NASA's newest spacecraft, LADEE, slipped into orbit around the moon.

Since the 1970s, spacecraft have circled or flown past Jupiter including the Voyagers, Pioneers, Galileo, Ulysses, Cassini and, most recently, the New Horizons barreling toward Pluto.

Sources: GOP weighs short-term debt limit hike

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Republican leaders are considering a short-term increase in the U.S. debt limit as a possible way to break the gridlock that threatens the nation with an unprecedented default in as little as a week, officials said Wednesday night.

These officials said there is far less urgency inside the leadership about ending the current nine-day partial government shutdown, which has caused inconvenience and financial concern for many individual Americans but appears not to threaten the widespread economic damage a default might bring.

The officials declined to say what conditions, if any, might be attached to legislation to raise the $16.7 trillion debt limit for an undetermined period, perhaps a few weeks or months. The GOP rank and file is expected to meet privately to discuss the issue on Thursday, before a delegation led by Speaker John Boehner goes to the White House to meet with President Barack Obama.

The officials describing the developments late Wednesday spoke only on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to disclose details of private deliberations.

Obama has said he won't agree to sign a debt limit increase if conditions are attached. Republicans indicated several days ago they intended to seek spending cuts to reduce deficits, measures to roll back environmental regulations and changes in the nation's 3-year-old health care law.

More recently, the GOP-controlled House has passed legislation to create a 20-member group of lawmakers from the House and Senate to negotiate over those and other issues. The bill makes no mention of an increase in the debt limit, but the two topics could be combined in a potential face-saving way out of the impasse.

The disclosures came as Obama met at the White House in late afternoon for more than an hour with House Democrats. He told them that while he would prefer legislation extending the Treasury's borrowing ability beyond the next election, he would also sign a shorter-term bill.

Treasury Secretary Jack Lew has told lawmakers they must raise the debt limit by Oct. 17 to avoid risking a default, but neither house has yet scheduled a vote.

In the Senate, Democrats have proposed a no-strings-attached $1 trillion increase in borrowing authority that is designed to prevent a recurrence of the current confrontation before the 2014 elections. A test vote is scheduled for the weekend, and Republicans have yet to indicate how vigorously they might oppose it.

ACROSS THE NATION

US cutting hundreds of millions in aid to Egypt

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States on Wednesday cut hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to its Mideast ally Egypt, responding to the military ouster last summer of the nation's first democratically elected president and the crackdown on protesters that has sunk the country into violent turmoil. While the State Department did not provide a dollar amount of what was being withheld, most of it is linked to military aid. In all, the U.S. provides $1.5 billion in aid each year to Egypt. Officials said the aid being withheld included 10 Apache helicopters at a cost of more than $500 million, M1A1 tank kits and Harpoon anti-ship missiles. The U.S. also is withholding $260 million in cash assistance to the government.

3-star admiral fired as No. 2 nuclear commander

WASHINGTON (AP)—The deputy commander of U.S. nuclear forces, Vice Adm. Tim Giardina, was notified Wednesday that he has been relieved of duty amid a military investigation of allegations that he used counterfeit chips at an Iowa casino, the Navy said. The Navy's top spokesman, Rear Adm. John Kirby, said Giardina, who had held the job since December 2011, is being reassigned to the Navy staff pending the outcome of the probe by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. The gambling matter originated as a local law enforcement investigation in Iowa in June.

Passengers stuck on Universal Fla. roller coaster

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—A dozen people were stuck for more than two hours on a roller coaster at Universal Studios Florida. The 12-person train stopped near the top of the first hill of the Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit around 7 p.m. EDT Wednesday. Universal spokesman Tom Schroder said they were finally freed around 9:30 p.m. A glitch caused the computers to go into safety mode, stopping the ride, Schroder said. The reason the rescue took so long is because park officials wanted to take their time and do it safely, Schroder said.

In Celebration of his new life

†Paul Francis Joyce

(Special Education Teacher - CNMI Public School System)

October 23, 1953 - October 03, 2013

In His New Life, He Now Joins His Parents:

†John Paul Joyce and †Elizabeth Francis Joyce

His Memories Will Live In The Hearts Of His:

Wife: Jocelyn Yacan Joyce

Children: "PJ" Joyce
Sarah Joyce
Marvirick Yacan Joyce
Jacqueline Yacan Joyce
Jasmine Elizabeth Joyce
Pauline Grace Joyce

He will be greatly missed by his Siblings in Massachusetts and their Families and In-Laws.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at Kristo Rai Church beginning at 9:00am with Prayer services followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am.

His mortal remains will be cremated and a private interment of cremains will take place on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at the cremation gardens at Sanctuario PAX, Kagman, Saipan where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, and Maraming Salamat

Jocelyn Yacan Joyce, Children and Families

Asia

Is Myanmar ready to lead ASEAN?

Blue-collar workers walk to work in the suburbs of Yangon, Myanmar, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013. AP

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei (AP)—Just a few years ago Myanmar was an isolated dictatorship that embarrassed the Association of Southeast Asian Nations with its dismal human rights record. Now it's poised to take over leadership of the 10-nation bloc for the first time—a move critics say may be premature given conflicts at home that have left hundreds dead and hundreds of thousands more displaced.

The appointment of Myanmar to ASEAN's chairmanship is meant to reward the former pariah's transformation since its military junta turned over power to an elected government two years ago, and some are hopeful that putting the spotlight on Myanmar will serve as further incentive for reform.

But Myanmar still has a long way to go. Last week, smoke and flames rose once again from the twisted wreckage of charred Muslim homes and mosques ransacked by machete-wielding Buddhist mobs, this time in Thandwe in western Rakhine state, where five people were killed—one of them a 94-year-old Muslim woman who was too frail to flee.

"From a human rights perspective, the chairmanship is an honor the government hasn't earned," said Matthew Smith, a Myanmar expert who directs the advocacy group Fortify Rights.

"More than 250,000 people have been forcibly displaced from their homes in the last two years, wartime abuses continue, and there is an ongoing campaign of `ethnic cleansing' of Muslim communities, creating a regional refugee crisis," he said. "None of that spells regional leadership."

Myanmar will be officially appointed head of ASEAN, which aims to promote regional economic development and cooperation, in a handover ceremony in Brunei on Thursday, but it will not take up its duties until Jan. 1.

From time to time, ASEAN had criticized Myanmar, seeing its former heavy-handed military regime as a roadblock to regional progress. But in 1997, when the country formerly known as Burma won admission to ASEAN despite strong opposition from Western nations, the regional bloc cited its intention to encourage positive change.

Myanmar changed little, however, until 2011, when the long-ruling military junta ceded power to a quasi-civilian government led by retired army officers. Few expected a transformation, but President Thein Sein's government surprised the world with a wave of reforms that have liberalized the economic and politics.

Aung San Suu Kyi—the longtime opposition leader who spent most of the last two decades as a prisoner in her own home—is now an elected lawmaker. Hundreds of political prisoners have been freed.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Floods in Cambodia kill more than 100

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—A Cambodian disaster relief official says at least 104 people have died in recent floods caused by heavy rains and the Mekong River overflowing its banks. Disaster management committee spokesman Keo Vy said Wednesday that floods in the past several weeks have affected some 1.5 million people in 17 of the country's 24 provinces. He warned that more floods still threaten the country. The Cambodian Red Cross says more than 21,700 families have left their homes due to flooding.

Kerry cancels stop in Philippines because of storm

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has canceled a scheduled trip to the Philippines due to the threat posed by tropical storm Nari. Forecasters say the storm could strike the northern Philippines as a typhoon as early as Friday, bringing strong winds and heavy rains. Kerry had planned to meet with Philippine officials in Manila on Friday and Saturday. It was to be the last stop in a Southeast Asia tour that includes Indonesia, Brunei and Malaysia. During much of Kerry's trip he has been filling in for President Barack Obama, who canceled a planned Asia tour because of the government shutdown gripping Washington.

Pakistan's former President Musharraf gets bail

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf was granted bail Wednesday in a case involving the death of a separatist leader, paving the way for his release from house arrest, said his lawyers. Musharraf has faced legal problems ever since his return from exile in March, in a series of cases that have undermined the once sacrosanct position of the military in Pakistani society. The cases stem from his time in office which stretched from 1999 when he took power in a coup, to 2008 when he was forced to step down.

Hungarian wingsuit flyer dies during China jump

BEIJING (AP)—A Hungarian wingsuit flier died following an accident during a jump into a gorge in central China, reports said Wednesday. The body of Victor Kovats was recovered Wednesday from the steep, forested valley floor at Tianmen Mountain National Forest Park in Hunan province, state broadcaster CCTV said. It said more than 200 rescuers had searched for Kovats through the night in treacherous conditions. A wingsuit is an aerodynamic jumpsuit that allows the wearer to soar for long distances before opening a parachute.

World

Gunmen kidnap Libyan PM

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zidan was snatched by gunmen before dawn Thursday from a Tripoli hotel where he resides, the government said. The abduction appeared to be in retaliation for the U.S. special forces' raid over the weekend that seized a Libyan al-Qaida suspect from the streets of the capital.

Zidan's abduction reflected the weakness of Libya's government, which is virtually held hostage by powerful militias, many of which are made up of Islamic militants. Militants were angered by the U.S. capture of the suspected militant, known as Abu Anas al-Libi, and accused the government of colluding in or allowing the raid.

In a sign of Libya's chaos, Zidan's seizure was depicted by various sources as either an "arrest" or an abduction—reflecting how interwoven militias are in Libya's fragmented power structure.

With the country's police and army in disarray, many are enlisted to serve in state security agencies, though their loyalty is more to their own commanders than to government officials and they have often intimidated or threatened officials. The militias are rooted in the brigades that fought in the uprising that toppled autocrat Moammar Gadhafi in 2011, and are often referred to as "revolutionaries."

A statement on the government's official website said Zidan was taken at dawn to an "unknown location for unknown reasons" by a group believed to be "revolutionaries" from a security agency known as the Anti-Crime Committee. The Cabinet held an emergency meeting Thursday morning, headed by Zidan's deputy, Abdel-Salam al-Qadi.

Meanwhile, Abdel-Moneim al-Hour, an official with the Anti-Crime Committee, told The Associated Press that Zidan had been "arrested" on accusations of harming state security and corruption. But the public prosecutor's office said it had issued no warrant for Zidan's arrest.

Zidan

A government official said gunmen broke into the luxury hotel in downtown Tripoli where Zidan lives and abducted him and two of his guards. The two guards were beaten but later released. The official spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation.

A grainy photograph widely posted Thursday on social networking sites purportedly shows Zidan being led from his hotel in Tripoli by two young men, one of them bearded, holding him from both arms. The prime minister is frowning and looking disheveled. The photo also shows the arm of a third man resting on Zidan's left shoulder.

Hours after the abduction, the streets of Tripoli appeared normal, with the usual bustle of the morning rush hour traffic.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki, traveling with Secretary of State John Kerry in Brunei, said, "We are looking into these reports and we are in close touch with senior U.S. and Libyan officials on the ground."

The snatching of Zidan came hours after he met with the family of al-Libi, whose real name is Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqai—the al-Qaida suspect seized by the Americans. U.S. officials said al-Libi was immediately taken out of the country after the raid Saturday in Tripoli and is now being held on a U.S. warship.

On Tuesday, Zidan said the Libyan government had requested that Washington allow al-Libi's family to establish contact with him. Zidan insisted that Libyan citizens should be tried in their homeland if they are accused of crimes, stressing that "Libya does not surrender its sons."

3 win chemistry Nobel for computer models

Karplus

Levitt

Warshel

NEW YORK (AP)—Three U.S.-based scientists won a Nobel Prize on Wednesday for developing a powerful new way to do chemistry on a computer.

They pioneered highly sophisticated computer simulations of complex chemical processes, giving researchers tools they are now using for a wide variety of tasks, such as designing new drugs and solar cells.

"Today the computer is just as important a tool for chemists as the test tube," the Swedish Academy of Sciences said in announcing this year's $1.2 million chemistry prize. "Simulations are so realistic that they predict the outcome of traditional experiments."

As academy secretary Staffan Normark put it: "This year's prize is about taking the chemical experiment to cyberspace."

The prize honored research done in the 1970s by Martin Karplus, Michael Levitt and Arieh Warshel.

All three scientists became U.S. citizens. Karplus came to the U.S. with his family as Jewish refugees from Nazi-occupied Austria in 1938. The 83-year-old U.S. and Austrian citizen splits his time between the University of Strasbourg in France and Harvard University.

Levitt, 66, was born in South Africa and is a British, U.S., and Israeli citizen. He is a professor at Stanford University. Warshel, 72, was born in Israel and is a U.S. and Israeli citizen affiliated with the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Levitt is a biology professor, while the two other winners are chemistry professors.

Levitt told The Associated Press the award recognized him for work he did when he was 20, before he even had his Ph.D.

"It was just me being in the right place at the right time and maybe having a few good ideas," he said by telephone from his home in California. He joked that the biggest immediate impact of the prize would be his need for dance lessons before appearing at the Nobel banquet.

"When you go to Stockholm, you have to do ballroom dancing," Levitt said. "This is the big problem I have right now."

Nobel Prize for chemistry

Michael Levitt, U.K.-U.S., Martin Karplus, U.S.-Austria, and Arieh Warshel, U.S.-Israel, *share the 2013 Nobel Prize for chemistry for devising computer simulations to understand chemical processes, laying the groundwork for new kinds of drugs.*

Recent recipients

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2007 Gerhard Ertl, **Germany**

2006 Roger D. Kornberg, **U.S.**

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Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

NY police: 70-ft.-long mobile home stolen from lot

HAMPTON, N.Y. (AP)—Police in a rural upstate New York town are looking for a 70-foot-long mobile home that was stolen from a diner's parking lot. The Washington County sheriff's office tells The Post-Star of Glens Falls that the mobile home had been placed on a trailer that was parked at a diner in the town of Hampton awaiting delivery to neighboring Vermont. Investigators say the owner had to have emergency surgery and when he came back to Hampton a few weeks later, the trailer with the $50,000, partially furnished mobile home was gone.

Stitch-by-stitch; knitting live on Norway TV

STAVANGER, Norway (AP)—In its latest experiment with live coverage of mundane events, Norway's public broadcasting network plans to dedicate five hours of air-time to an attempt to break the knitting world record. The NRK network says the Nov. 1 broadcast will be preceded by a four-hour documentary on how the wool off a sheep's back turns into a sweater. NRK producer Rune Moeklebust said Friday that "it's kind of ordinary TV but very slow, although they'll be knitting as fast as they can." The Norwegians hope to break the current non-stop knitting record of 4 hours 50 minutes, held by Australia.

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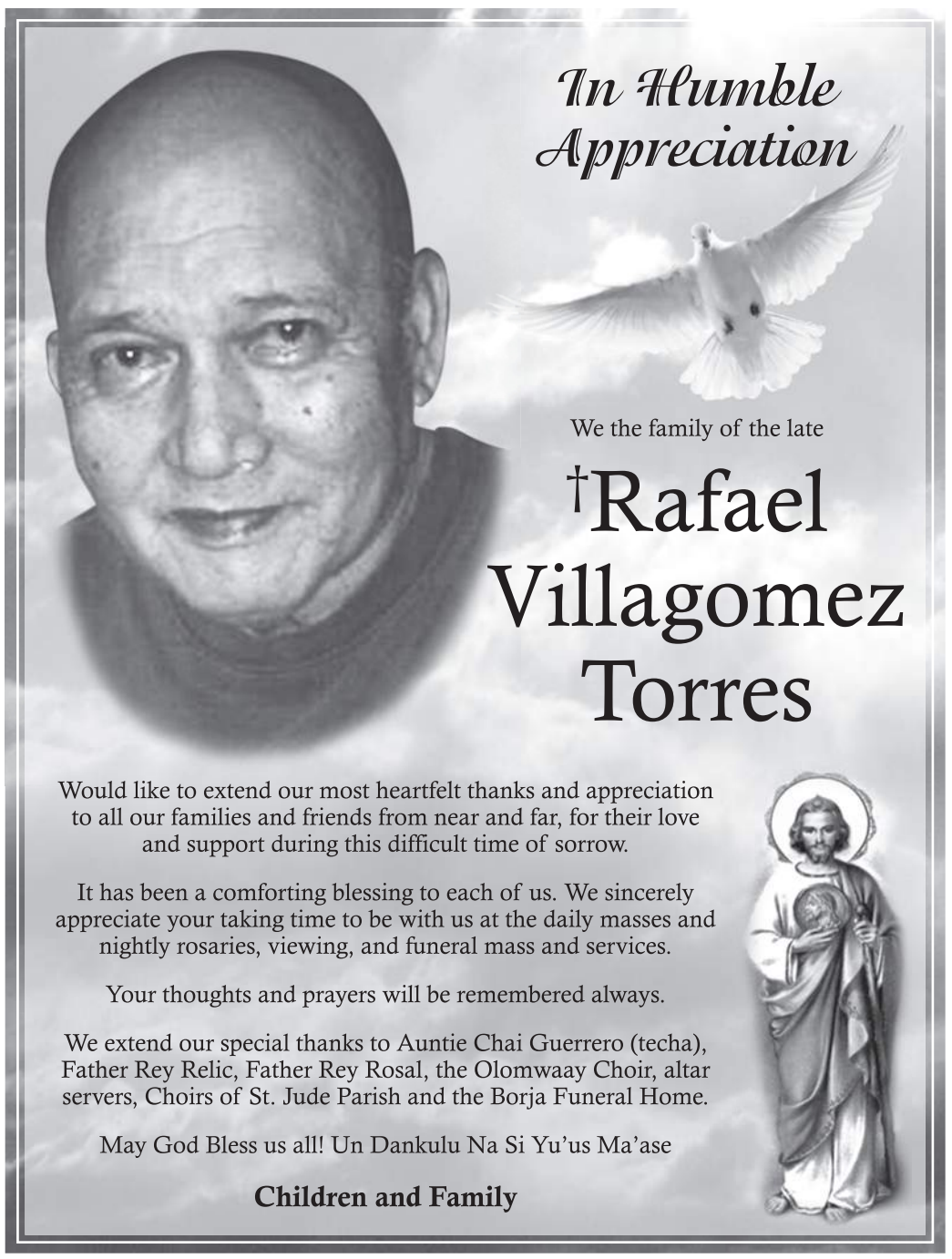
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Life & Style

'Glee' episode says goodbye to Monteith, Finn

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Other TV series have woven a cast member's death into an episode honoring them and their character. But "Glee" has an especially sensitive task.

The Fox series will pay tribute Thursday to Cory Monteith, who was found dead in a Canadian hotel room in July of an accidental alcohol and drug overdose that ended his long, self-described fight against addiction at age 31.

Monteith

Monteith's death is especially haunting given the character he played, a handsome Big Man on Campus with a sweet smile and big heart, one whose toughest problems involved dating and chastity or whether to align with glee club outsiders or the in-crowd football team.

There's also the uneasy knowledge that when Lea Michele's character, Rachel, cries over boyfriend Finn, it mirrors the actress' grief over losing her off-screen romantic partner. She dedicated her recent Teen Choice Award to Monteith, accepting with tears and wearing a necklace that spelled out "Cory."

Any real loss is difficult to cope with in the framework of fiction. But the deaths of sitcom stars John Ritter of "8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter" in 2003 and that in 1985 of Nicholas Colasanto, the bartender nicknamed Coach in "Cheers," were illness-related and less fraught in their translation to on-air tributes.

Some observers have suggested that the "Glee" episode should treat Monteith with dignity but not ignore the scourge of addiction that cut short his life—especially on a series that's regularly delivered life lessons on big topics such as tolerance within its song-filled framework.

Last month's Emmy Awards remembered Monteith, with "Glee" star Jane Lynch calling his death a "tragic reminder of the rapacious, senseless destruction that is brought on by addiction."

"Glee" creator Ryan Murphy has not offered detailed plans for the episode, but has said that drugs will not be the cause of Finn's death.

However, Fox Chairman Kevin Reilly told members of the Television Critics Association last August that the episode would deal with "the incidents involved in Cory's passing and the drug abuse in particular," and that public service announcements involving cast members would air with it.

One such announcement is planned, Fox said Tuesday.

Mike O'Malley, who played stepdad Kurt Hummel to Monteith's Finn, offered his take on the issue.

"He dies of cancer, in a car accident, he dies of old age, he dies because of a drug overdose. It doesn't matter," O'Malley said. "He's gone and you're never going to see him again, and so now you gotta go to work, you got to honor his life, you're trying to honor his fans' relationship with the character."

He said the episode included "the most emotional scene I've ever acted in my entire life," and called Monteith "a real bright light."

In a Fox promotion for the episode titled "The Quarterback," students are seen gathered at an ad hoc memorial display at Finn's high school locker, while another scene shows a weeping Rachel being comforted by glee club teacher Will (Matthew Morrison).

A mournful version of Bob Dylan's "Make You Feel My Love" performed by Michele is heard on the promo soundtrack. Other songs in the episode include covers of "Seasons of Love" from the Broadway musical "Rent"; James Taylor's "Fire & Rain"; The Pretenders' "I'll Stand by You"; The Band Perry's "If I Die Young" and Bruce Springsteen's "No Surrender."

"Glee" will take a break of several weeks after the Monteith tribute as the network airs baseball's World Series.

Actress jumps into ABC's 'Wonderland' rabbit hole

AP

This image released by ABC shows Sophie Lowe as Alice in a scene from the new series "Once Upon a Time in Wonderland," premiering Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. EST on ABC.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—When Sophie Lowe's latest visit to Hollywood failed to yield work, the young actress flew back home to Australia—and quickly fell down a rabbit hole.

Within a day of returning to Sydney, Lowe had recorded an audition for "Once Upon a Time in Wonderland." Two days later she was asked to fly back to Los Angeles for another test, and within a week had the starring role of Alice.

"It happened so fast, it was just crazy," said Lowe, 23, still marveling over the unexpected new chapter in her career that had been focused on movies including the recently released "Adore" with Naomi Watts and Robin Wright.

The ABC series debuting Thursday is a relation of "Once Upon a Time," which brings fairy tale characters into the real world. "Wonderland" takes Lewis Carroll's tale in a different direction, with a mature Alice returned from her adventure to a cynical reception and mental institute.

But Alice has reason to believe in and yearn for what she's left behind, including the obligatory Cheshire cat and a certain genie, Cyril (Peter Gadiot), who has captured her heart. She seizes a chance to bolt Victorian England and return to the land where possible romance and certain danger await.

Forget Carroll's wide-eyed, girlish heroine; this one is ready for love and action and, said Lowe, is an actress' delight. There is deep emotion but also stunts to be done and punches to be thrown.

"She's a very strong woman, mentally and physically," Lowe said. "It's really fun to play because usually I play roles that are more weak, (but) this is inspiring to people and even myself. It's really uplifting to play a strong woman."

Lowe is 5-foot-7, but her delicate face and slender form make her emergence as a rough-and-tumble Alice unexpected. It's also encouraging to see an actress get onto U.S. TV screens without losing her fresh beauty to the homogenizing glamor factory.

It was the combination of her talent and beguiling look that made her right for "Wonderland," said executive producers Edward Kitsis and Adam Horowitz, who also are behind "Once Upon a Time."

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Kanye West, Jimmy Kimmel make nice after beef

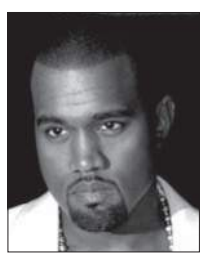
NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Kanye West and Jimmy Kimmel quickly dispelled the idea their so-called rap feud was a publicity stunt during a sometimes uncomfortable appearance on the comedian's television show.

Speculation that the rapper's anger over a "Jimmy Kimmel Live" parody skit that mocked him was staged was immediate after West lashed out at Kimmel in late September. But both said that their beef was authentic during a 30-minute interview on Wednesday night's show in which West discussed a range of topics including his artistry, paparazzi, family, fashion and the idea of celebrity.

Kimmel said early in the interview that he knows West personally and always found him friendly, but that he seems misunderstood.

"I don't know if you know this, but a lot of people think you're a jerk," Kimmel said after West called himself a genius. West was objecting to the idea that he's "just a celebrity."

"When you said you think you're a genius, I think that upsets people," Kimmel said. "But the truth is a lot of people think they're geniuses, but nobody says it because it's weird to say it. But it is most certainly more honest to say, 'I am a genius.'"


West

Kimmel

"I'm totally weird and totally honest and I'm totally inappropriate sometimes, and the thing is for me not to say I'm not a genius I'd be lying to you and to myself."

The fight broke out the day after Kimmel hired a child actor to portray West in a recreation of an interview West gave on BBC Radio 1 in which he discussed the limitations he's faced as his fame has grown, among many other topics.

West told Kimmel he's often upset with his portrayal in the media but usually keeps his reaction to himself. This time, though, since he knew Kimmel, he felt he had a license to reach out by phone and discuss his disapproval man to man.

"That elevates sometimes," West said. "Jimmy does his thing, I do my thing, and at some point egos can flare up, and we kind of took it back to high school."

Kimmel showed the highlights from West's resulting Twitter rant—"You should have seen the second set of tweets," West joked—and admitted he'd just seen a few snippets of the BBC interview before approving the skit and didn't realize how personal it was.

"I really felt bad about all this stuff, I did," Kimmel said after West walked on stage. West responded: "Mmm huh," but smiled widely after watching a portion of the skit.

In a sometimes stream-of-consciousness delivery, West talked passionately about discrimination based on class, protecting his music publishing from covetous drug dealers, false humility and his thoughts on and experience with high fashion. He also ranted against the Hollywood Walk of Fame organization for denying his girlfriend, Kim Kardashian, a star and reflected on his recent negative interactions with paparazzi.

"The way the paparazzi talk to me and my family is disrespectful also, you know what I'm saying?" West said. "We bring something of joy to the world. When people hear my music they have a good time, and I should be respected as such when I walk down the street. Don't ask me a question about something you saw on the tabloids. Don't try to antagonize me, because it's not safe for you in this zoo, you know? Never think that I'm not from Chicago for one second."

Though both denied it was a publicity stunt, they did take advantage of the opportunity. A commercial touting West's concert tour ran during the show and ABC's "Nightline" aired a segment on West in the wake of the appearance. West's appearance went long, pre-empting an appearances by Arctic Monkeys.

Kimmel thanked West for appearing on the show, and West responded: "Thank you for the platform."

Pope Francis biography expected next year

NEW YORK (AP)—A leading Roman Catholic commentator and founder of a pro-Catholic media organization has landed a deal to write a "full-scale" biography of Pope Francis.

Publisher Henry Holt announced Wednesday that it has acquired a book by Austen Ivereigh, a British journalist who helped found Catholic Voices, which seeks to improve how the church is presented in the news. Ivereigh also is a former press secretary for the Archbishop of Westminster.

The book, currently untitled, is expected next year.

According to the publisher, Ivereigh's biography will show that the Pope has pressed the "reset button" for the church. Pope Francis has made international news by saying the church should not spend too much time focusing on gay marriage and abortion and should concern itself more with the poor.

AP

Pope Francis smiles as he leaves St. Peter's Square at the end of the weekly general audience at the Vatican, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013.

The Jonas Brothers cancel tour

NEW YORK (AP)—The Jonas Brothers have canceled their upcoming tour over creative differences.

Brothers Joe, Kevin and Nick were scheduled to begin their 19-date tour Friday in Upper Darby, Pa. Spokesman Jesse Derris confirmed the cancellation and said fans can get a refund at the point of purchase.

The group tweeted about the tour as recently as Tuesday, posting a picture of a poster for the Pennsylvania stop.

The New Jersey trio shot to fame in 2007 with the release of their self-titled debut. They were one of pop music's biggest successes with TV shows and a Grammy nomination. They had been scheduled to release their first album since 2009 soon, but the future of that project is unclear.

People magazine first reported the cancellation.

McCartney celebrates anniversary at NY high school

NEW YORK (AP)—Paul McCartney celebrated his second wedding anniversary with his wife and a few hundred high school students on Wednesday.

The 71-year-old performed at the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts, which was opened by Tony Bennett.

McCartney said, "Happy anniversary, Baby," to Nancy Shevell before going into his latest song, called "New." He said the song was inspired by his wife as the students turned to her and gushed.

The event with iHeartRadio was to celebrate McCartney's album, also called "New," out next week.

One student asked McCartney when he felt he officially made it in the music industry. McCartney said when the Beatles recorded their first single, "Love Me Do."

The students cheered, and McCartney said: "You shouldn't know about that."

The crowd, which included some adults, was feverish as McCartney performed a 13-song set from his Beatles, Wings and solo catalogue, including "Hey Jude," "Eight Days a Week" and "Jet."

"This beats going to class," said McCartney, who performed on the piano and the guitar along with a four-piece band.

McCartney was energetic with the students, most of whom were a bit nervous when they asked questions.

One sophomore asked why McCartney decided to continue being a musician after all of his successes.

McCartney said people frequently ask him, "Can you just retire?"

"I say, `Thank you very much. No,'" he said.

He added that he could be home watching TV but he'd rather be with the students and performing on stages.

Bennett, who attended the event, launched the school in Queens in 2001. McCartney talked about funding and updating the Liverpool school he and George Harrison attended.

"I used to say that half of the Beatles went to that school," he said to laughs.

McCartney also told the crowd on Wednesday, which would have been John Lennon's 73rd birthday, that he connected with Lennon through songwriting.

"We weren't trained," he told the teenagers. "You guys have an advantage."

McCartney ended the day with inspiration to the arts students: "You rock on. You be great."

Albania: Hundreds of looted icons recovered

TIRANA, Albania (AP)—Albanian police have seized more than 1,000 religious and secular pieces of art dating from the 15th to the mid-20th century that were stolen from churches and cultural centers in Albania and neighboring Macedonia.

Prime Minister Edi Rama, who began his career as an artist, inspected the works and praised police for recovering them.

The thefts involved 1,077 icons, frescoes and other pieces, and two men suspected of planning to sell them abroad were arrested, a police statement said Wednesday.

After a four-month investigation, the works were found in two houses in the capital, Tirana, where the arrests took place late Tuesday. Officials did not provide an estimate of the items' value.

Culture Ministry spokeswoman Milena Selimi said the looted art was probably headed for sale in other Balkan countries or in Western Europe.

The recovered works were being kept at the National Gallery of Arts in Tirana, where experts will examine them and restore damaged ones.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Raffle offers chance to own a Picasso for $135

NEW YORK (AP)—An online raffle is offering Picasso lovers a chance to own one of his original works for $135. The work is titled "Man with Opera Hat." The 12-inch (30.5-centimeter) by 9-inch (23-centimeter) cubist drawing from 1914 is valued at about $1 million. The raffle's proceeds will go toward the preservation of the ancient city of Tyre, Lebanon. It's a UNESCO World Heritage site. The raffle is being offered by The International Association to Save Tyre. The drawing will be held at Sotheby's auction house in Paris on Dec. 18. It'll be broadcast live on the Internet. The $135 raffle ticket is available on www.1picasso100euros.com . Only 50,000 tickets will be sold. The funds will help protect the ancient ruins and artifacts of the Phoenician port town.

CBS cancels freshman sitcom 'We Are Men'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—CBS is yanking the freshman sitcom "We Are Men" from its schedule. The Monday night comedy about four bachelors starred Tony Shalhoub, Jerry O'Connell, Kal Penn and Chris Smith. It failed to gain traction with viewers and became one of the new season's early casualties. "Well, We Were Men," Penn posted on his Twitter account after CBS' announcement Wednesday. "Loved our cast & crew. Much love to the peeps who watched & enjoyed." O'Connell tweeted, "We Are Men cancelled. What a fun ride. Love those guys." Starting next Monday, "2 Broke Girls" will replace "We Are Men" in the 8:30 p.m. EDT time slot, with repeats of "The Big Bang Theory" airing at 9 p.m. EDT for two weeks. On Monday, Nov. 4, the sitcom "Mike & Molly" will return for its fourth-season premiere at 9 p.m. EDT. The series stars Melissa McCarthy and Billy Gardell.

$15M condo lawsuit against Joan Rivers in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—Comedian and condo board president Joan Rivers is being sued for $15 million in a dispute involving a former downstairs neighbor in her luxury New York City building. The lawsuit was filed Wednesday in state Supreme Court in Manhattan. The New York Daily News reports former neighbor Elizabeth Hazan signed ownership of the $2 million two-bedroom unit to Real Estate Holdings Group in July. The company contends Rivers and others ripped wires from the unit's cable box and squirted glue in its locks. It says building officials recently denied Hazan access to the apartment. The paper says Hazan has a long-running battle with Rivers over unpaid condo fees. A lawyer for Rivers says he's preparing a response to the suit. Rivers lives in the building's $30 million upstairs penthouse.

Madonna, Davies up for Songwriters Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP)—Madonna, John Mellencamp and Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page and Robert Plant are among the nominees for the 2014 Songwriters Hall of Fame. They are joined by a number of top acts, including Ray Davies, Cyndi Lauper and Linda Perry. The Songwriters Hall of Fame gave The Associated Press a list of nominees in advance of the official announcement, set for Thursday. The gala will be held June 12 at the New York Marriott Marquis. Also nominated are Heart's Ann and Nancy Wilson, Vince Gill, Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards, Donovan, Cat Stevens and Harry Wayne Casey. Nonperforming songwriter nominees include "Midnight Train to Georgia" writer Jim Weatherly, Motown songwriter William "Mickey" Stevenson and country music songwriters Bobby Braddock and Bill Anderson.

Nice young men won't get far in life without table manners

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I have acquired two teenage stepsons. They are good young men, mature, responsible, active in community service and good in school and sports.

My challenge is their table manners. They were never taught any! They use their utensils like shop tools, lifting food using fork and knife together to transfer huge bites from plate to mouth. They use a bread knife to cut a pancake as if it were a tough steak. They slouch over the table to get their faces as near the plate as possible, while leaning on the table with one or both elbows. They don't know where to place cutlery when setting the table, and have their napkins in their lap only if a restaurant server discreetly places it there.

Their mother shows no concern about their uncouth manners. I'm worried that when they eventually go out into the world, they'll be perceived as having no class when they are actually nice young men. Their ignorance of table manners could cost them relationships, jobs and promotions. What to do?

SAN ANTONIO STEPDAD

DEAR STEPDAD: Your wife may have felt she was teaching her sons more important lessons than table manners; things like character and responsibility. However, you have a point. People DO make negative judgments about people who have poor table manners—and it could be detrimental to them in the future.

That's why you should discuss this with their mother, if you haven't already, and enlist her help in talking to the boys in a nonconfrontational way and explaining your concern. In the interest of your relationship with them, this must not seem like you are critical of them, nor should it turn into an adversarial situation or it could have a negative impact on your marriage. If it is to succeed, there must be cooperation from everyone.

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DEAR ABBY: I am almost 30, and when we have family get-togethers several times a year, it seems like they make a point to leave me out of pictures. My mom and sister lost quite a bit of weight recently, and my brothers and cousin are attractive people. It seems like they're trying to keep the "fat one" out of the photo, and it hurts my feelings.

Recently, a cousin came into town and made copies of two excellent pictures of my mom and sister and posted them online. Again, I was not included. What should I do? I am depressive anyway, and these obvious oversights are upsetting me.

LEFT OUT IN TENNESSEE

DEAR LEFT OUT: Talk with your mother and sister to confirm if what you suspect is happening is true. It's possible your mother and sister are so proud of their weight loss they want to show it off. (There are ways to pose family members in photographs so their weight isn't apparent.) As to the visiting cousin, there may be such a marked change in their appearance that he/she thought it was worth posting on the Internet.

A problem with depression is that quietly brooding solves nothing, and it often causes people to overeat. Because your depression is chronic, please consider discussing it with your health care provider because interventions are available.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

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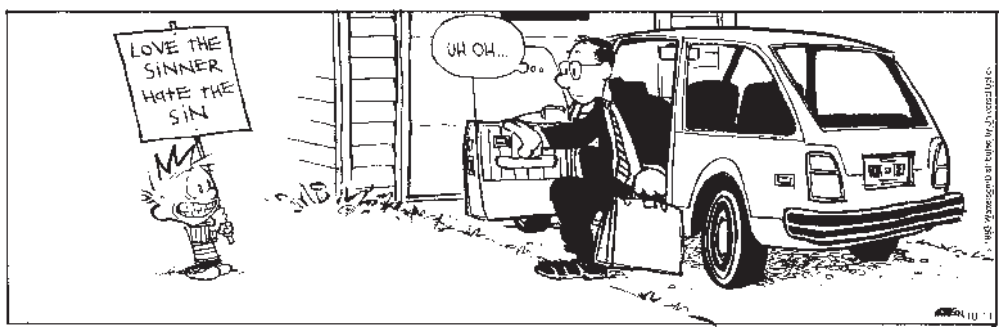

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ACROSS
1 Energy
4 Others (Lat.)
8 Angelic music-maker
12 Hosp. section
13 Mentor
14 Great Lake
15 Excited
17 Object of worship
18 Reddish-brown horse
19 Peak periods
21 Where — at
22 Beer drinker's option
26 Actress Sharon
29 Duke it out
30 Tin Man's need
31 "Portnoy's Complaint" author
32 Pistol
33 Island visited by Magellan
34 Alias abbr.
35 Pantheon member
36 Repentant
37 Sent an invoice to
39 Performance
40 Ostrich's cousin
41 Chalkboard need
45 Thought
48 Choke
50 Mooing sounds
51 Form a spiral
52 Work with
53 Dandling site
54 Sock part
55 Sleeping spot

DOWN
1 Peach centers
2 Reverberate
3 Sound of contentment
4 Shoelace tips
5 Temporary calms
6 Anger
7 Naturalist John
8 Robbery
9 Joan of —
10 Carnival city
11 Calligrapher's need
16 March 17 celebrants
20 Plague
23 Go sightseeing
24 Taleteller
25 Abounding in hackberry trees
26 Snatch
27 Trickster deity
28 Listending abbr.
29 Unopened flower
32 Pay your share
33 Reached
35 Jewel
36 Piece of parchment
38 Rental contract
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49 Weeding tool

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Get all the information you can from reliable sources before you make a decision that will alter where you work or live. Don't let restlessness cause you to leap before you take a thorough look at exactly what you are getting into. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Make observations and consider your options. The information you gather now will help you make a positive change to the way you live and the people you associate with. A partnership will allow you to branch out in a new direction. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Consider any differences you are experiencing with a partner, roommate or colleague and make a point to resolve issues. Someone new is likely to capture your attention. Take care of old projects before you begin new ones. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Stick to the truth. Exaggeration will get you into trouble. You have plenty of opportunities and are best to spend your time learning instead of pretending to know everything. Uncertainty is the enemy, and knowledge leads to victory. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't let a difficult situation at home hold you back. Listen to grievances, but don't let anything stand between you and your dreams. Networking and mingling with influential people will help you expand your interests and opportunities. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Get to know people in your community better and share your ideas for change and improvement. You will draw a lot of attention if you take a leadership position. Be ready to back your thoughts with facts. You will be questioned. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Do whatever makes you happy. Get together with friends or do something special with the one you love, but don't let personal matters at home lead to uncertainty. If someone pushes you to make a change you aren't ready for, back away. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Expand your interests and visit destinations that are inspirational. Opening up to ideas offered by those from unusual backgrounds will help you explore and develop new means and methods of doing things. Someone from your past is likely to surface. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You've got the drive to get from one position to another, but you must approach whomever you deal with professionally and honestly. Once you clarify what you can do, positive developments will begin to unfold. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stick to a routine and finish what you start. Your dedication will bring good results. Staying in touch with people you have worked with in the past will lead to an opportunity to advance. Express your desires. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Restrictions are apparent. Say little and do a lot. Convincing others that you have what it takes will only happen if you take action. Romance is on the rise, and plans for a playful evening should be put in place. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You'll confuse someone if you aren't clear about your feelings or what you expect. Don't rely on others. It's up to you to close a deal or make a change. An investment looks promising, but a personal situation appears costly. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intelligent, entertaining and well-informed. You are determined and unpredictable.

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/11

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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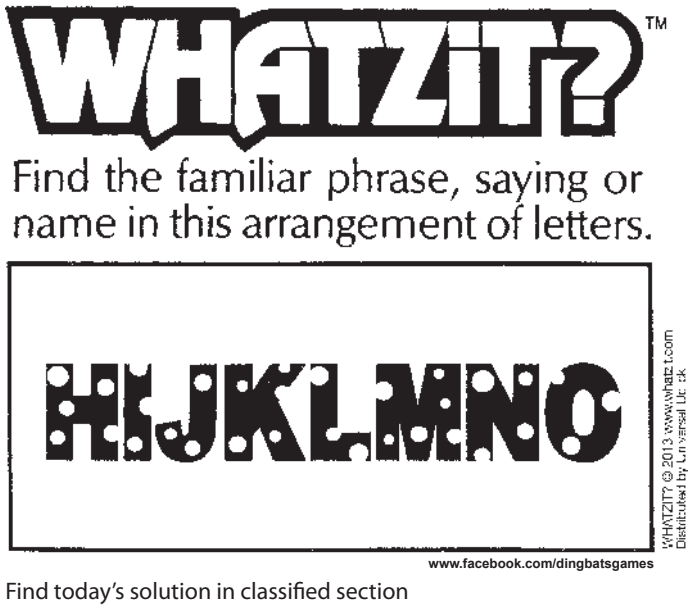
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Cardinals beat Pirates in Game 5 to win NLDS

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Adam Wainwright held the hug with catcher Yadier Molina a few extra seconds, soaking in his latest pressure-packed performance for the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I've got to put it right up there with the most fun and one of the greatest moments of my career so far," Wainwright said. "Those are the kind of moments that starting pitchers live for. I almost didn't want to let go of Yadier."

Wainwright went all the way on the mound Wednesday night, pitching the Cardinals past the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-1 and into the NL championship series for the third straight season.

David Freese and Matt Adams each hit a two-run homer, and Wainwright scattered eight hits for his second dominant win of the division series.

"I wanted it bad. It's probably the most nervous I've ever been," Wainwright said. "I don't get a whole lot of nerves when I pitch. Before I pitched today, I was pretty nervous."

For three years now, nobody is better than the Cardinals when they can't afford to lose. And after coming through again in a winner-take-all Game 5, St. Louis gets to stay at home to open the NLCS against the well-rested Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday night.

By ending Pittsburgh's storybook season, the Cardinals improved to 8-1 when facing postseason elimination the past three years. They also won Game 5 of the NL division series in Washington last year—even though Wainwright got rocked—and at Philadelphia in 2011.

"We'll take him on the mound any day, especially in a big situation," St. Louis manager Mike Matheny said. "I love the fact that everybody kept asking him about Game 5 last year because I knew that was just bringing even more to the table, if you could even do that."

Freese homered in the second inning off rookie Gerrit Cole, and Adams connected in the eighth against reliever Mark Melancon to make it 5-1. Pete Kozma added an RBI infield single, and Wainwright finished it off by striking out Pedro Alvarez with two on.

"I'm just so fired up for this team and this city right now," Wainwright said. "Cardinal fans were rockin' today."

Alvarez became the first major league player with an RBI in his first six postseason games on a fluke hit that caromed off first base in the seventh. But the Pirates, who stopped a record streak of 20 consecutive losing seasons this year, were held to one run in each of the final two games of their first playoff appearance since 1992.

"We were able to take a huge step forward this year in restoring the pride and the passion of the Pittsburgh Pirates' organization," manager Clint Hurdle said, "and rebonding our city with a ball team."

St. Louis Cardinals shortstop Pete Kozma makes a diving catch of a ball hit by Pittsburgh Pirates' Neil Walker in the fourth inning of Game 5 of a National League baseball division series on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, in St. Louis.

Despite their charming turnaround and a victory over Cincinnati in the NL wild-card game, the Pirates haven't won a postseason series since the 1979 World Series.

Wainwright was helped by three double plays - two when Pirates runners strayed too far on line drives. The right-hander struck out six and walked one in a 107-pitch complete game.

"Every time we turned around, Wainwright got in the way tonight," Hurdle said. "The at-bats were better, the approach got better, but he kept making pitches."

Sidelined with an arm injury when the Cardinals won the 2011 World Series, Wainwright threw seven innings of three-hit ball to beat Pittsburgh 9-1 in the series opener.

He is 4-0 with a 2.03 ERA and four saves in 15 career postseason games, including six starts. He even helped the Cardinals to a championship as a rookie closer in 2006.

But still, Game 5 last season against the Nationals was fresh in his mind.

"It's hard not to think back about what happened in Game 5 last year. I just wanted to prove I could go out there and be a good playoff pitcher," Wainwright said.

The 23-year-old Cole beat the Cardinals with an impressive effort in Game 2. They got to him early this time even though his fastball hit 100 mph in the first inning against Matt Holliday.

Freese made the kid pay for a full-count walk to Jon Jay with two outs in the second, lining a 1-2 pitch into the visitors' bullpen in left.

Cole gave up just three hits over five innings, but was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the sixth.

Jay made it 3-0 in the bottom half with a two-out RBI single off Justin Wilson.

Freese struggled this season to overcome a back injury in spring training and had nine homers and 60 RBIs. But just like teammate Carlos Beltran, he's an October star with seven homers, 29 RBIs and a .325 average in 36 career postseason games.

Adams' power hitting helped the Cardinals overcame a midfoot sprain to cleanup man Allen Craig in early September. And on this night, Adams hammered a first-pitch fastball from Melancon well over the right-field wall for his first RBIs of the series.

The Pirates scratched out their lone run on two infield hits and the single by Alvarez that looked to be a harmless inning-ending groundout before it hit the bag.

Freese was a hometown hero in 2011, both the NLCS and World Series MVP. He single-handedly got the Cardinals to Game 7 of that World Series against Texas with a two-run triple with two outs and two strikes in the ninth and then ended Game 6 with a leadoff homer in the 11th.

"He's a stud. He's a big-time player at big-time moments," Wainwright said. "And that's what we expect of him and that's what he continues to deliver."

At 23 years, 31 days, Cole was the youngest NL pitcher to start Game 5 of a division series and the fifth-youngest NL pitcher to start a winner-take-all postseason game, according to STATS.

Counting the postseason, Cole didn't allow a homer in six straight starts. That ended when Freese connected for a 2-0 lead in the second.

Neil Walker drew a one-out walk in the first from Wainwright, who issued just 35 free passes during the regular season and none in Game 1. Walker went no further.

After a leadoff single by Marlon Byrd in the second, Matt Carpenter was perfectly positioned at second base to snare Alvarez's liner and flip to first for a double play.

Joe Girardi signs 4-year extension with Yankees

NEW YORK (AP)—Joe Girardi's return as manager of the New York Yankees was all about family.

Girardi signed a four-year contract that could be worth up to $20 million Wednesday to stay with New York through 2017.

With the Yankees missing out on the playoffs this season for the second time in 19 years, the 48-year-old Girardi got an early start on determining his future. He went over several possible scenarios with his wife, Kim, and three children that included taking a year off, pursuing a broadcasting job or managing somewhere else. But they quickly came to the conclusion that six years in New York was not enough.

"It wasn't ever a lot of thought that I might not possibly come back. I just had to make sure that everyone was still on board," Girardi said on a conference call.

Girardi was in the final month of his second three-year contract (worth $9 million) with the Yankees since taking over for Joe Torre after the 2007 season, and he asked for a fourth year in the new deal.

The contract includes $16 million guaranteed and up to $4 million in bonuses, according to a person with knowledge of the agreement. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because financial details were not announced.

"Our lives have been here for six years," Girardi said. "I think stability is important."

The pull of returning to his native Illinois to manage the Chicago Cubs, the team he grew up rooting for, did not factor greatly into his decision because once his family agreed he should manage it was set on New York.

"Chicago is special to me. And I think it'll always be special to me," Girardi said. "But this place is really special to me, too. Because of what I've experienced here. ... And my kids and my wife are established in the community here. We just thought it was important to stay."

In a 15-year career as a catcher, Girardi won three World Series titles with the Yankees from 1996-99. As manager, he has led New York to the playoffs in four of his six seasons, winning the World Series in 2009.

Under Girardi, the big-spending Yankees have gone a major league-best 564-408 (.580) since 2008.

Even though New York finished tied for third in the AL East at 85-77, Girardi had what many believed was his best season as a manager. He kept the Yankees in the playoff chase until late September despite significant injuries to stars Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, Mark Teixeira and Curtis Granderson.

"I wouldn't have come back if I didn't think we could win a championship," Girardi said. "I know there's a lot of work to be done. I know there's a lot of holes that we have to fill. There's people leaving and people retiring. But I have faith in our organization."

Girardi is sticking with a team that places the utmost premium on winning championships but is entering the offseason with uncharacteristic uncertainty. Girardi thinks it may be the most uncertain time during his tenure in New York.

"It was something that I definitely thought about. What would the New York Yankees look like in 2014, and beyond?" he said.

Quite different, it turns out.

Mariano Rivera and Andy Pettitte just retired, Jeter played only 17 games this year after breaking his ankle last October and A-Rod is appealing a 211-game suspension.

All-Star second baseman Robinson Cano is a free agent, as are pitcher Hiroki Kuroda and Granderson. Cano could be seeking a 10-year contract worth up to $305 million.

Also, Yankees managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner has said the team is determined to get under next year's $189 million luxury tax threshold - which includes about $177 million for player salaries. General manager Brian Cashman, though, recently said it's unclear if staying within that limit is possible.

"I think $189 million's still an awful lofty number," Girardi said.

He acknowledged the Yankees will have to mix in players from their minor league teams to help remake the roster. Steinbrenner has expressed disappointment in the farm system after several players failed to produce when thrust into major league roles this year.

Kobe progresses, but still weeks away from playing

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)—Although Kobe Bryant is making steady progress in his recovery from a torn Achilles tendon, he's still a few weeks away from playing for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bryant is back with the Lakers after a short trip to Germany to get treatment on his right knee, another trouble area for the 35-year-old guard. He sat on Los Angeles' bench for an exhibition game Tuesday night, and he'll travel with the team to China later this week.

But the fourth-leading scorer in NBA history isn't committing to any return date until he gets in shape and figures out how his legs will hold up when he's back in uniform.

"I haven't said anything (about a return date)," Bryant said. "I just keep it all open right now. I don't know why you guys are so hell-bent on deadlines. It's like the most ridiculous thing to me. It's entertaining. When I'm ready, I'm ready."

Bryant is running with his full body weight on a special treadmill, and he has done light jogging and calf exercises recently. His repaired Achilles tendon appears to be holding up fine, but six months of relative inactivity—and donuts and sugar cookies—have taken a toll.

"It's the explosiveness, the muscle," Bryant said. "It takes a little time, and then I've got to get my fat (rear) in shape. I was eating whatever the hell I wanted to eat and not running, stuff like that. Caught up to me a little bit."

Bryant said he'll need roughly three weeks of conditioning to get into game shape, his usual allotment for a return from any extended layoff. The Lakers' season begins Oct. 29 against the Clippers.

With time to spare in the preseason, Bryant seized the chance to travel to Germany for another round of the platelet-rich plasma treatment designed to stimulate recovery in aging joints. He has had at least three surgeries on the knee over the past decade.

Bryant posted a photo of his German treatment on Instagram, complete with acupuncture needles protruding from the joint. His recovery time from the procedure has been short in the past.

"I'm starting to move a little bit more," Bryant said. "I'm just trying to pick up the pace a little bit more. I'm not where I was the first time I had the (German) procedure done, being able to run as much, but I can do some things."

Bryant has been in near-constant rehabilitation on his Achilles tendon since he had season-ending surgery last April. He's grateful the finish line is in sight, even if he might not be ready when the Lakers open the regular season.

Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, left, talks to Nick Young before an NBA preseason basketball game against the Denver Nuggets on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013, in Ontario, Calif.

"I'll be happy when I'm able to get out on the floor and do what I do best," he said. "All this right now is just all a process to try to get to that point."

Meanwhile, aA torn plantar fascia in a foot could keep Houston Rockets center Marcus Camby off the floor for weeks and possibly months.

The injury has prevented the 39-year-old—signed by the Rockets as a free agent in the offseason to help back up Dwight Howard—from practicing during training camp.

Camby is underdoing therapy and treatment on the foot in hopes of avoiding surgery.

Injuries have plagued the well-traveled Camby the past few years. Last season, he was limited to 24 games with the New York Knicks.

In addition to Camby, the Rockets' big men include Howard, Omer Asik, Greg Smith and Donatas Motiejunas.

Former SSC swimmer switches to triathlon

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Michael Moran runs along the shore of the Silver Strand State Beach in Coronado, California for the second lap of the 1.2-mile swim leg of the 35th Superfrog Triathlon held late last month.

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ATHLETES ABROAD

Former Saipan Swim Club and Micronesian Games medalist Michael Moran is now into triathlon and had a winning debut in his new sport.

Moran teamed up with XTERRA Saipan veteran Arland Macasieb and Mark Alfaro in the 35th Superfrog Triathlon at the Silver Strand State Beach in Coronado, California late last month and finished second in the men's 99 and under division (ages of three athletes combined). The Superfrog is dubbed as the original Half Ironman, involving a 1.2-mile (1.9k) swim leg, 56-mile (90k) bike, and 13.1-mile (21.1k) run race.

Moran and his Super Fat Boys team completed the race in 4:34:24 behind the 3:56:46 of Rock N Road Cylery. He did the swim leg of the event and clocked in at 37:43, while Macasieb and Alfaro submitted 2:21:32 and 1:34:05, respectively.

"The water conditions here are extremely different to back home. Saipan has warm and calm beaches, however, the Superfrog swim leg was held at the Silver Strand State Beach, CA, which on race day had 4-foot swells and water temperature of about 60 degrees Fahrenheit. However, my first official event in California was very exciting and it was a great experience overall," said Moran, who is now a member of Fil-Am Tri Club in San Diego and has been training five to six times a week since August.

The Marianas High School graduate and now a sophomore student at Grossmont College in San Diego will have his full triathlon debut in December this year when he competes in the HITS Triathlon Series in Palms Springs, California. The physical theraphy student said he made the switch to triathlon because he was inspired by Saipan athletes.

"I was inspired by some Saipan athletes, such as Rezne Wong and Matt Mancao, who are also my friends, Tyce Mister, who was my high school teacher and volleyball coach, and Mieko Carey, who trained with the Masters group at Saipan Swim Club. I decided to give triathlons a go because I have always been a multi sport enthusiast. I love living an active lifestyle and training for triathlons has been fitting in with me so far," said Moran, who is also looking forward to join triathlon races on Saipan.

"I definitely do plan on participating in XTERRA Saipan and Tagaman in the near future. In the meantime I will be training hard as I have so much to learn and develop," the 20-year-old student said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Dodgers get last playoff seat

The Dodgers booked the last playoff ticket in the 2nd Annual DYS/Triple A Youth Baseball League after getting a win via forfeiture over the Cardinals last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The Dodgers finished the regular season with a 5-7 record and tied the Tigers and the Yankees for the No. 4 spot. The triple-tie for the fourth and last playoff berth was then decided via runs allowed ratio after the three squads remained even in the head-to-head records. The Dodgers went on to get the lowest runs allowed ratio of 18 against the 19 of the Tigers. The Yankees had more than 20. The Dodgers will play the Giants in the first round of the page-system playoffs, while the pennant champions Padres take on the Braves in the other first round pairing. Playoffs games are scheduled this weekend, weather permitting.

All Schools X-Country Saturday

Northern Marianas Athletics will kick off its series of All Schools cross country race this Saturday at the Airport Field. Registration starts at 3pm, while races begin at 4pm. U 8 students will run first at 4pm, while U10 participants will have their turn at 4:15pm. The 4:35pm and 5pm start times are for U12 and U14/U18 age groups, respectively. The next leg will be held on Oct. 19 at the Civic Center, starting at 4pm.

Pre-HOM Bike Race Sunday

The CNMI Chapter of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be hosting the Pre-HOM Fundraising Bike Race this Sunday. The event has four courses (8km, 16km, 25km & 50km). Entry fees are $10 for adults and $5 for children (6-13 age group. Registration is from 5am to 5:30am, while the race starts at 6am in front of the Mariana Resort and Spa entrance.

Organizers appreciates raffle donations from the following supportive companies: PTC (Sunkist), Triple J, Mariana Resort & Spa, DFS, YCO True Value Hardware, Handbags etc., PIC, Saipan World Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Kanoa Resort, Gold's Gym, SPDA Engineers. For more information, please call 285-1168.

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Wabol was the group's president for several years before he slowed down last year, as he had to undergo dialysis at the Commonwealth Health Center due to kidney failure.

"Though he was sick and not playing anymore, he always checked on us at RGA and made sure the club is still active and holds its regular tournaments. We will definitely miss his leadership. It's really hard to accept that we lost a very good man. Our sympathy and prayers go to his wife (Vivian) and daughters (Jessmin and Tini)," said Rogolifoi.

While Rogolifoi and the rest of the members of the sports community and those who knew Wabol are still in shock of his passing, the veteran parbuster had seemed to have accepted his fate since he retired last year.

"I'm just saying that the older you get, your life span is getting shorter. My childhood friend Tony Satur, after he learned about my condition, freaked out. He asked me if I was scared of dying and I told him 'If God tells you you're next tomorrow and you say 'no,', you have no choice, you're going tomorrow, right.?"

Both Wabol and Satur played softball on Saipan and then switched to golf. Wabol was also into baseball and basketball and coached Little League teams. In golf, he won numerous local tournaments in the 1990s and was still a force to reckon with several years ago before his illness slowed him down. Wabol tied Guam's Louie Sunga in the most wins (Championship Flight) in the prestigious Tournament of Champions, prevailing in the annual competition in 1999, 2000, 2006, and 2007.

The member of the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2009 was also into community service, as he designed a tournament under RGA's calendar with its proceeds donated to schools and other groups in need.

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field to compete in the 100m backstroke race. Fellow Tsunami Saipan swimmers Juhn Tenorio and Hans Xu were the two others. Tenorio submitted a new personal best time of 1:39:52, more than three seconds faster than his seed time of 1:42.85. Xu also got a PBT, submitting 1:53.14, more than seven seconds better than his old mark.

In the men's 100m breaststroke, Yanai was among the four swimmers to complete the men's race. He was also the fastest after timing in at 1:13.55, which is a new record in the 13 to 14 age group. The 14-year-old swimmer broke his own mark (1:14.15), which was made on March 22 this year.

Meanwhile, 37 more PBTs were recorded in last Saturday's competition with most of them coming from the 100m freestyle event (14).

Tsunami Saipan's Takumi Sugie nailed the fastest time in the 100m freestyle race with his new PBT of 1:02.58. Also achieving PBTs were Sugie's teammates Mark Maestro (1:15.72) and Kenshiro Yanai (1:24.30) and SSC's Christian Villacrusis (1:10.99), David Boyer (1:20.82), Taiga Sato (1:21.03), Jinnosuke Suzuki (1:26.77), Rintaro Miyawaki (1:34.72), and Taiyo Akimaru (1:36.43). In the women's division, Tsunami Saipan's Sophia Gauran (1:24.82), Kyona Rivera (1:29.16), and Megumi Yoshino (1:40.28) had PBTs, too, along with SSC's Coume Kaga (1:45.05).

In the women's 50m breaststroke, seven of the eight finishers nailed PBTs with Tsunami Saipan's Daime Rivera leading the list and posting the fastest time at 43.63 seconds (from 44.81 seconds).

Other swimmers who logged PBTs in the sprint event were Tsunami Saipan's Nanaka Watanabe (55.45 seconds) and SSC's Sami Nimura (58.92 seconds), Ashlet De Cortney (1:06.92), Jinie Thompson (1:14.94), and Susana (1:30.21) and Nieves Villagomez (1:43.14). In the men's division, Tsunami Saipan's Towa Irinaka (56.03 seconds) and Jhota Yoshino (57.23 seconds) and SSC's Rintaro Miyawaki (57.31 seconds) and Taiyo Akimaru (58.66 seconds) also earned PBTs.

In another sprint event—the 50m backstroke—SSC's Conatsu Kaga and Lennosuke Susuki led swimmers who had PBTs in the women's and men's races. Kaga clocked in at 49.06 seconds, more than three seconds faster than her previous PBT (52.81 seconds). Her SSC teammates Jinie Thompson and Susana Villagomez had the same feat after recording 1:00.65 (from 1:11.86) and 1:11.38 (from 1:12.74), respectively.

In the men's division, Lennosuke Suzuki had 43.64 seconds to surpass his old record (43.84 seconds). Four more more SSC swimmers—Jinnosuke Suzuki (53.74 seconds), Leo Takahashi (1:01.25), Sam Ryu (1:03.06), and Robert De Courtney (1:06.74)—also got PBTs, while Maestro completed the list after logging 43.69 seconds.

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when it netted eight more goals in the second to complete the lopsided win.

Paire got goals from seven different players with Saixian Bagsic having a hat-trick and Billy Hinson, Ivan Seo, and Joel Fruit nailing two apiece. Also scoring for Paire were Keeanu and Cole Chambers.

MP United FC 4, Matansa FC 1

MP United (2-0) took the solo lead in the division after downing the debuting Matansa.

Daniel Lim led MP United's victory, as he scored three goals, while John Diego Masga drilled the other goal. Masga put MP United in the board early with his goal in the second minute, while Lim connected on his first two in the 21st and 36th minute before completing the hat-trick three minutes into the second half.

After a long silence, Matansa managed to light up the scoreboard, thanks to James Ermitanio, who scored seven minutes before the game ended.

GIRLS U15 Matansa 7, MP United 0

Over at the Hopwood Junior High School Field last Saturday, Matansa routed MP United on Court 2.

It was only Matansa's first victory of the season, as it forfeited its opening game (due to lack of players) against Paire, while MP United dropped to a 0-2 record.

Lyka Sally was unstoppable in Matansa's first win, as she logged three goals, her cousin Angelika Sally chipped in two. Lizann Deleon Guerrero also contributed two goals.

Meanwhile, in the other game in the girls U15 division, Shirley's FC improved to a 2-0 slate after a victory via default against Paire (1-1).

NMI Swimming Federation Tournament Part 2

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A swimmer nears completion of the 50m breaststroke race in the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation-hosted first tournament of the season held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Rintaro Miyawaki takes a breather after finishing the 50m breaststroke event.

Coach Jacoby Winkfield gives instructions to Kento Akimaru before the latter heads to the waiting area.

Volunteers and swimmers wait for the start of their respective races.

Participants in the 100m freestyle race gets ready at the starting block.

From left, Saipan Swim Club's Victoria Chentsova and Tsunami Saipan's Hiroto and Ryuto Yanai line up for the 100m freestyle event.

Heat announcer Colin Thompson checks on the swimmers at the starting block, while NMISF president John Hirsh looks at the swimmers list.

Timers wait for the start of the 50m backstroke race.

Coaches, swimmers, and spectators cheer on a participant on his way to the final lap of the 100m freestyle race.

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CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Jess Wabol, 55

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Jess Wabol, seen here watching his shot during a local tournament in 2009, passed away yesterday morning.

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"I am not going to feel sorry for myself. I'm 55 years old and I enjoyed 54 years of my life. There's always a point when you have to accept that it's the end," CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Jess Wabol told *TAGA Sports* when he was featured in the magazine's April-June edition.

The end for the beloved leader of the local sports community came yesterday morning, as he succumbed to a lingering illness.

"We were saddened to learn of the passing of Jess Wabol this morning. Jess was a member of the CNMI Sport Hall of Fame and a long-serving member of our Board of Directors. Jess represented the CNMI at the Pacific Games nine times, and was a local legend in the sport of golf, and a pillar in the sporting community. We will miss his friendship and his wise counsel. Our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time," Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

"It was a sad day for our family, he is my nephew, for the sports community, for the Refaluwasch Golfers Association," Tony Rogolifoi said.

Rogolifoi said Wabol founded RGA with a couple of veteran golfers in the early 80s.

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Kaito, Kensuke set new marks

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Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center's Kensuke Kimura and Kaito Yanai marked the start of the 2013-2014 season with record-breaking swims in the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation-hosted tournament held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Kimura timed in at 1:03.62 in the 100m backstroke race to crush the more than 10-year-old record of Seung Gin Lee in the 17 to 18 age group. The former Saipan Swim Club swimmer clocked in at 1:04.80 in the same event on July 21, 2013.

Kimura was one of the only three swimmers in the men's

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Tsunami Saipan's Kensuke Kimura does the second and final lap of the 100m backstroke race in the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation-hosted tournament held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Tan Holdings barges into win column in U18

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Tan Holdings FC notched its first win in the 2013 NMIFA Youth Fall League after shutting out Paire FC, 3-0, last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Sean Perez made twin goals, while Dan Deric Ibarra added one to help Tan Holdings recover from a 0-5 debut loss to MP United in Week 2 of the fall league. Paire FC, on the other hand, absorbed its second defeat after a 2-6 beating from the undefeated MP United.

Perez drilled both goals in the first half, while Ibarra got his first in the second.

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Tan Holdings FC and Paire players battle for the ball during the second half of their game in the boys U18 division of the NMIFA fall league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

BOYS U15
Paire FC 11, Shirley's FC 0

In the first game in the boys U18 at the Oleai pitch, Paire also earned its first victory of the season after whipping Shirley's FC last Friday.

Paire, which lost to MP United in the opening week, 0-6, dominated Shirley's FC (0-2) after playing relentless offense in the second half. Paire was ahead by only three at the break

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